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TELEGRAMS.

Continued Discussion of the Alabama Claims in the London Press.

Immense Meeting at Belfast on the Irish Church Question.

Proposition of Isabella to Abdicate in Favor of Her Son.

Late and Interesting Intelligence from China and Japan.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The London Times, Pall Mall Gazette and Spectator Again on the Alabama Question—The Irish Church Question—Great Meeting at Belfast.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22.

The *Times* this morning has another editorial on the *Alabama* question, suggested by the recent speech of Mr. FORSTER. The *Times* says that England has equal cause of complaint against America. Great Britain resisted the temptation to recognize the South, thereby inflicting sufferings on her own people, disobliging an ally, and, in fact, declared in favor of the North, and is now misunderstood, and accused of hostility and selfishness.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* (an independent paper) also has a leading article on the *Alabama* claims question. The writer says: "Whatever England did in respect to the Americans, France did, and ten times more; for nothing but our refusal of her invitation to recognize the Southern Confederacy saved the North from a more trying and doubtful contest."

The *Weekly Spectator*, (Whig,) published to-day, also discusses the question. The truths told by Mr. FORSTER, the old and staunch friend of America, must teach the Americans how universal the resistance would be if Mr. SUMNER's demand were seriously pressed.

Sir FRANCIS HEAD had communicated several additional official documents to prove the assistance extended by America to the Canadian revolt in 1837. He asserts in his letter accompanying the documents that Mr. SUMNER's language applies to that case as well as to the case of the *Alabama*, but that the English Government never received or claimed indemnity.

One of the greatest meetings ever assembled was held in Belfast, Ireland, to-day, to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church. It is estimated that nearly two hundred thousand people were present.

SPAIN.

The Cortes on the Monarchy Question—Comments of the Republican Journals—A Proposition from Isabella—Resignation of the Minister for the Colonies.

MADRID, Saturday, May 22.

The Republican newspapers of this city assert that the recent vote of the Cortes has only deferred the scheme for a Federal Republic, not defeated it. A Republic, sooner or later, must come, through the want of a monarchy and the absence of unanimity on the part of the majority of the Cortes.

Queen ISABELLA has proposed to abdicate in favor of her son, the Prince of Asturias. GONZALES BRAVO, her former Prime Minister, and others have advised her otherwise.

ADELARDO LOPEZ DE AYALA, the Minister for the Colonies, has resigned.

In the Cortes yesterday article 24 of the national Constitution was adopted. The Civil Marriage bill has been introduced.

DENMARK.

Effect of the Rejection of the St. Thomas Treaty.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22.

The rejection of the treaty for the sale of St. Thomas by the United States Senate causes much irritation at Copenhagen.

GERMANY.

Arrival of Baron Gerolt at Berlin.

BERLIN, Saturday, May 22.

Baron VON GEROLT, the Prussian Minister at Washington, has arrived in this city.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Arrival of the China at San Francisco—Her Advices—Unsatisfactory Condition of Political Affairs in Japan—The Opening of Yeddo a Dead Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Thursday, May 20.

The steamer *China*, from Hong Kong April 19, and Yokohama 20th, has arrived. She experienced a heavy monsoon on the route to Yokohama, and from thence strong southwest winds to this port. She brings 1,510 passengers and 1,210 tons of cargo. The passengers for New-York are Thomas Ely, N. J. Comstock, J. Parsons, Rev. Mr. Todd and wife, Captain J. G. Creighton, C. D. Southall, John C. Howard, and Louis Vallidar. For Europe, Captain DANNY, R. A., and six others. The *China* brings the following Japanese advices:

The condition of political affairs was unsatisfactory. The Mikado had left Kiota for Yeddo, where a General Congress of the Princes of the Empire were expected to assemble, by command of the Mikado, in a few weeks. The report that several of the leading Daimios had surrendered their territories and sovereign rights and privileges to the Mikado was confirmed. The Imperial fleet had left for Hakodadi to attack and oust the Tegawa Kiaw, but owing to an accident to the machinery of the ram *Stonewall*, the fleet put back and anchored at Urgabay. Great excitement prevailed at Hakodadi, in expectation of the attack by the forces of the Mikado. One of the leaders of the Tegawa was assassinated for advocating surrender to the Mikado. A steamer belonging to the Japanese Government was blown up while anchored off Yeddo. The powder magazine was accidentally ignited. It is reported that sixty lives were lost. The opening of Yeddo remained a dead letter, owing to a blunder of the Government, which placed every difficulty in the way of business being freely transacted. The urgent remonstrances of the foreign Ministers had caused the Japanese Government to take steps to remedy the current evil. The business in Yokohama markets was limited. Gray shirtings and cotton yarn firm, under favorable home advices. Fancy goods extremely depressed. Silk quiet but firm. No change is anticipated until the new season, which commences in July.

The tea market was quiet and the arrivals small. The stock on hand consisted of low grades only, offering no inducement to purchasers. Prices were nominal, and no change was anticipated before the opening of the new season. Exchange on London, 4s. 9½d.; on Paris, 5[illegible]f. The United States steamers *Lehecker* and *Aroostook* were at Yokohama when the *China* sailed.

The following Chinese advices are received:

The funeral ceremonies of Major-General BAUMGER, commander of the English forces in China and Japan and Lieutenant-Governor of Hong Kong, took place on the 27th of March with full military honors, the English, American and other naval officers taking part in the procession. The American Minister was shortly expected at Shanghae from the South. Besides visiting Canton, it was his intention to place a Vice-consulate in Hainan as soon as he could communicate with the Governor of Pekin. Mr. C. D. WILLIAMS, a well-known resident of China, had been selected for the post. Advices from Pekin are to the effect that a terrible drought was prevailing, and unless rain fell soon serious damage would result to the crops. The Emperor visited the temples daily for the purpose of offering prayers for rain. Several Manchus had broken into the Imperial Treasury and plundered it of 9,000 taels silver. Velocipedes are numerous in Shanghae. Canton advices report that the weather continues unfavorable for the new teas. Some tea men assert that the whole of the first crop is seriously damaged. The United States steamer *Oneida* was at Hong Kong. The flagship *Piscataqua* sailed from Hong Kong on the 16th of April. Business at Hong Kong was unusually dull. Exchange on London, 4s. 6¼d. Opium—New Patna, $640; New Benares, $607 50; Old Patna, $625 50; Old Benares, $625; these quotations were nominal; Malwa, $605. Gray Shirtings, tools 2.7.6. Drills, tools 5.9.0. Cotton Yarn, tools 1.3.0.

MEXICO.

End of the Sinaloa Revolution Officially Announced—Government Successes—Another Uprising Expected.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, May 20.

Advices from Mazatlan to May 6 have been received. Official dispatches from General PARNO announce the termination of the revolution in the State of Sinaloa.

The Government troops had attacked the forces of PROMINCIADOS in the mountains, completely dispersing them and killing PALMERAS and four subordinate chiefs, with others. The total number killed was sixteen; fifty-seven were taken prisoners; 484 Enfield, Henry's, Sharp's and Colt's fire-arms were captured, together with horses and munitions of war.

General CONORA is daily expected from Durango with reinforcements. Another uprising is anticipated, with General PLACIDO VEGA as leader.

The feast "Las Alas Altos and Elthoo Demay Daly" was celebrated at Mazatlan.

The United States steamer *Pensacola* and the English steamer *Chanticleer* had arrived at Mazatlan. The Captain of the latter had received a letter ordering him to collect $200, confiscated by the Custom-house authorities some time back.

CUBA.

Tonnage on American Vessels—The Rainy Season.

HAVANA, Saturday, May 22.

In future all American vessels entering the ports of Cuba will be charged the same tonnage dues as on Spanish vessels. The rains, which have prevailed here for the last few days, have ceased.

The Reported Murder of a Member of the Georgia Legislature by the Ku-Klux—Card from the Author of the Published Report.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Saturday, May 22.

EDWIN BELCHER, colored, an Assessor of the Third District, publishes a card in this morning's *Chronicle* and *Sentinel* in reference to his letter published in the Washington *Chronicle* and New-York *Tribune* detailing the murder of Mr. STONE, one of the expelled members of the Legislature, and the negro man who was with Mr. ADKINS when he was killed. Mr. BELCHER says he was misinformed, and, he believes, wilfully imposed upon by certain persons here, as he now learns upon good authority that Mr. STONE and the other persons mentioned are living. Mr. BELCHER states that the letter was a private one to CHARLES SUMNER, and regrets its publication. Special dispatches from Atlanta to Republican papers North, announced the murder of these two men by Klukkux, but there is no foundation for the report, the outrages being worked up to serve the ends of certain parties in the State who are fearful of being deprived of their offices under the State Government.

Meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly of the South.

MOBILE, Ala., Saturday, May 22.

The Presbyterian General Assembly of the South met on Thursday, the 20th inst. Rev. Dr. ROBINSON, of Kentucky, was elected Moderator, Rev. H. H. PAINE, of Mississippi, Temporary Clerk. Rev. Dr. WADDELL, of Mississippi, preached the opening sermon. There are over one hundred Commissioners in attendance from the Southern States and Ohio. Louisville, Ky., was chosen for the next place of meeting. The reports show that there are 320 students in the course of preparation for the ministry, about twenty foreign missionaries, a prosperous publishing house and vigorous efforts to sustain the feeble churches. A Committee was appointed to mature plans for the better instruction of the blacks, of which Rev. Dr. PRAZDEAU, of South Carolina, is chairman.

The Memphis Commercial Convention—Closing Work.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Friday, May 21.

An evening session of the Commercial Convention was held, at which several Committees, provided for in the morning session, were announced. A resolution requesting Congress to put the telegraph system of the country under the control of the Postmaster-General was adopted. A resolution requesting Congress to prohibit the building of any bridge on the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri less than 400 feet span, or on the Ohio below Pittsburg less than 300 feet span, was adopted. The Committee on Emigration reported at great length; and Dr. NOTES, of Louisiana, opposed the report in an able speech. A resolution was adopted tendering the thanks of the Convention to its officers, the Press, citizens, &c.

At 11:30 o'clock P. M. the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The Failure of the Royal Canadian Bank.

TORONTO, Canada, Saturday, May 22.

The excitement attending the failure of the Royal Canadian Bank is subsiding. The bills are selling at from eighty to ninety cents. The directors have issued a circular urging bill-holders and depositors not to be alarmed, as there is not the slightest danger of loss to them. Hopes are entertained that within a short time the business of the bank will be resumed. The statement of the affairs of the bank for the month ending the 15th of May is as follows: Total liabilities, $1,230,401; total assets, $2,300,294. There is no run on any of the other banks.

The Indians—Movements of the Arapahoes.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, May 22.

The *Republican* learns that the Arapahoe Indians and a few of the Cheyennes, have come in to the Camp Supply, south of Fort Dodge, Kansas. Orders have been sent forward to furnish them with provisions. Colonel N. D. WILSON, with a detachment of the Tenth Cavalry, was about leaving Fort Dodge to place the above-named Indians on their reservation.

The Scranton Coal Mines—No Suspension.

SCRANTON, Penn., Saturday, May 22.

The miners held a formal meeting to-day on the question of suspension. The vote stood: For suspension, 300; against suspension, 500. This is decisive. There will be no suspension here.

NEW STEAMBOAT ENTERPRISE.—A propeller has recently come on to the route between this city and New-York, running opposition to the boats of the old line, and another is about to be added. It is said that these boats are only forerunners of an enterprise which promises to become a permanent fixture in the steam navigation of the Connecticut River; that, before long, two fine passenger boats will be brought out to run as a day line, leaving both New-York and Hartford in the morning and making the through trip by daylight. Only baggage and express freight will be carried, the heavy freight being left for the propellers. By making them almost exclusively passenger boats, the design is to get over the route without interruption by grounding on the bars of the river, thus insuring regular time at all landings. Arrangements will be made to ticket passengers from New-York through to Boston, and so far as the White Mountains, the boats reaching this city in season to make connections with the evening express trains going North on the Hartford and New-Haven Road. As there are no day boats running East on the Sound now, these steamers will be able to convey passengers to Lyme, and there connect with the Shore Road, making a complete route to Providence, Newport, &c.—*Hartford Courant, May 20.*

ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS.

Presentation of a Gold Medal to Dr. Hayes by the Paris Geographical Society—Interesting Tribute to his Services to the Cause of Science—Speech of General Dix.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, May 3, 1869.

I received for Friday last an invitation to attend the first general meeting for the present year of the Paris Geographical Society, which was rendered all the more attractive to me from the announcement that one of the gold medals to be distributed on this occasion was destined for our countryman, Dr. HAYES. As it was impossible to deliver it to him personally, it was intimated to General DIX that it would gratify the members of the Society if he would consent to receive it publicly in behalf of the absent explorer. The General at once intimated his readiness to do so, and when I entered the room I found him occupying the seat of honor at the right of the President, the Marquis DE CHASSELOUP LAUBAT.

The proceedings at these meetings are usually very interesting, and although the time at which they commence (7:30) interferes somewhat with the Paris dinner hour, it is difficult to find even standing room when the President takes his seat. At the end of the hall, just over his chair, was suspended a colossal map of the United States, which was intended, I presume, to illustrate M. SIMONIN's "Souvinirs of California," although he made no use of it. Each person on entering the hall was presented with an expensively prepared programme of the proceedings, the centre of which was occupied by two neatly lithographed maps, showing the itinerary of the Indo-Chinese expedition of the French Commission in 1866-1868, for which two naval officers, M. DOUDART DE LA GREE and FRANCIS GARNIER, were awarded a joint prize, and another, exhibiting the track pursued by Dr. HAYES in his Arctic explorations. Among the numerous distinguished persons present were the two Chinese Ambassadors, CHIH-TAGEN and SUE-TAGEN, with their French interpreter and other attendants. Through the medium of the interpreter they were enabled to follow the narrative of Lieutenant GARNIER, which, though delivered without reference to notes, was extremely full, and at times almost sensational in its incidents.

The report on the *concours* for the annual prizes for the most important discoveries in geography was read by M. MALTE-BRUN, the Honorary Secretary. That part which refers to the scientific expedition into Indo-China is too long to permit of my including it in this letter, the more particularly as I have to notice at some length the portion which relates to Dr. HAYES. This section of it commenced by stating that in order to insure a perfect acquaintance with the labors to which the Society accorded its rewards, the regulations fixed a period of ten years for the proper appreciation by the Committee of Prizes of the voyages that merited its suffrages. It was, nevertheless, allowed that when special circumstances retarded the publication of the results of an important exploration, the rights acquired by travelers should be reserved. It was under these conditions that there now came before them for reward the labors of Dr. HAYES, who, eight years ago, (May 18, 1861,) had advanced to within 210 leagues (less than nine degrees) of the North pole, the most elevated point in the Arctic latitudes that any navigator had reached up to the present time. The name of the doctor was well known to them; he was among the number of hardy sailors who, in 1853, under the leadership of Dr. KANE, accomplished on the *Advance* that memorable voyage, during which MORTON, after getting as far as Cape Independence, in the 80° 40' degree of latitude, had discovered the open Polar Sea to the north of Canal Kennedy. In this exploration, which rendered it necessary to pass two Winters (1854-55) in Port Rensselaer, in the 78° 37' degree of north latitude, Dr. HAYES had traversed, on a sledge, the frozen surface of Canal Kennedy and had reached Grinnell Land. On his return to his country, after the death of Dr. KANE, Dr. HAYES equipped a small schooner by means of public subscription, with a view to prosecute the discoveries of KANE, and more especially to assure himself of the existence of an open Polar Sea.

The report proceeds with a condensed summary of the doctor's voyage, recounting his perils, hardships and adventures, and the scientific value of his discoveries and observations; and after stating that the publication of the account of his journey was delayed by his labors as a surgeon during the rebellion, goes on to say:

This publication took place simultaneously in 1867 in the United States and England, where several editions were rapidly disposed of. One of the most laborious members of their society, M. FERDINAND DE LANOYE, had just produced a conscientious translation of it, accompanied with notes useful to French readers. Last year the Royal Geographical Society of London had awarded to Dr. HAYES one of its gold medals. If the suffrages of their powerful rival society had preceded those of the Geographical Society of Paris, it was because this latter, in reserving the rights of the intrepid explorer, desired to pass its judgment upon them, documents in hand; that is to say, faithful to its regulations it wished to await the publication of the results of this Arctic voyage. At present they were in possession of them; their Committee of Prizes had had them under examination. They had been published by order of the Smithsonian Institute by M. CHAS. A. SCHOTT, who had undertaken the task of collecting, collating and calculating the observations. They were in a position to judge from the rapid sketch which he had just presented to them of the importance of the explorations of Dr. HAYES from a point of view purely geographic and astronomical. Eighteen positions had been determined in latitude or in longitude, which will permit of the rectification and completion of the map of Smith Sound and Canal Kennedy; magnetic observations had been made on fourteen points in regard to the declination, and on six points in regard to the inclination of the magnetic needle. Tables had been prepared of the diurnal, monthly, and annual temperature at Port Foulke; at seven different stations of the route traversed from Port Foulke to Cape Union, the daily temperatures had been collected during the month of May, in order to compare them with those of the principal station of Port Foulke; finally, numerous observations relative to the barometrical pressure, magnetic intensity, tides and direction of the winds, completed this ample scientific harvest. He should add that numerous cases containing the collections of natural history had been deposited in the museums of Philadelphia and Cambridge. Such were the results which had fixed on the Arctic explorations of Dr. HAYES the attention of their Committee of Prizes, and had indicated this hardy pioneer of navigation for their suffrages. They had accordingly felt bound to award him a gold medal. From this voyage may be deduced some very important lessons for the Arctic explorers who may be tempted to follow the route of Smith Sound. By bringing home his crew in good health, Dr. HAYES has demonstrated: 1. That the Arctic Winter does not necessarily engender scurvy and discontent. 2. That people can live in the Arctic regions, which were in this instance reached without assistance from the mother country, and by the aid merely of hunting and fishing. 3. That there can be established at Port Foulke a station which would suffice as the base of extensive explorations. 4. That, with a strong vessel, it would be possible to traverse Smith Sound, and enter directly the Polar Sea. 5. That an open Polar Sea exists at least to the north of Canal Kennedy. In conclusion, the report expressed the gratification of the Society at the fact that, with the laudable perseverance which belongs to all men who are dominated by a grand idea, Dr. HAYES had not renounced the hope of one day navigating the open Polar Sea.

At the conclusion of the report, which was greeted with warm applause, the President rose, and after thanking General DIX for the prompt courtesy with which he had acceded to their invitation, and which was intended at once as a testimony of personal esteem and as a tribute to the services which had been rendered to science by the country which the General represented, delivered to him a box containing the gold medal which had been awarded to Dr. HAYES.

General DIX replied in excellent French, and without any of the hesitation usual with persons speaking in a foreign language. He said that he had listened with the greatest interest to the accounts given by the Secretary of the discoveries made by Dr. HAYES in the Arctic regions, and it would afford him much pleasure to place in the hands of his distinguished countryman the medal which the Society had been pleased to award to him. The solution of the problem of the existence in the Polar regions of an open sea which can be reached by navigation—a problem which Dr. HAYES endeavored to solve, and in which he made such remarkable progress—was reserved for other enterprising and scientific individuals; and it was to be hoped that the French Expedition, now fitting out under the direction of M. LAMBERT, would lead to still more satisfactory results. It was possible that these researches would enlighten them in regard to a question similar to that which has existed in regard to the summits of the highest elevation on the globe, namely, whether human life might be preserved in the presence of such extreme severity of temperature, or whether nature had locked up the secrets of organic existence in chambers of frost, into which man was not to be permitted to penetrate. In these researches, as in all other pursuits of science, it was a great good fortune, as had been observed by their President, that her Empire was without bounds, that her votaries acknowledged no lines of national demarcation, and that the sole object of her labors and her triumphs, was to carry the victorious arms of knowledge and truth into the dominions of ignorance and error. They would permit him to add, in response to the address of their President, and the friendly sentiments which he had expressed toward his country, that it was a source of sincere satisfaction to him and his fellow-citizens to behold France and the United States codperating as befitted their ancient friendship in these scientific questions; and he could assure them that their society, in distinguishing the labors of two of his countrymen—Dr. KANE and Dr. HAYES—by such honorable testimonials of its approbation, had a claim to their warmest acknowledgments. This brief address was greeted with loud applause.

A very amusing paper, on a three months' trip in Australia, was read by a young scion of French nobility, the Comte DE BEAUVOIR, who, if he had not been born to a more profitable vocation, would have made an excellent actor. M. SIMONIN followed with his "Souvenirs of California in 1868," and kept his audience, from the commencement to the close, in roars of laughter. This gentleman possesses a lively vein of humor, and enjoys a great deal of popularity as a lecturer. If he told his auditors nothing new on this occasion, he at least rendered what he had to say thoroughly acceptable to them.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

The Latest Conspiracy—Status of the Republican Party—Relations of Italy and Switzerland—Clerical Students as Soldiers—Verdi's "Don Carlos"—The Spring Races.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Monday, April 26, 1869.

The Italian Government has received for a part of its heritage the system of conspiracies which was formerly directed in the North against Austria and in the South against the King of Naples and the Pope. The plot discovered at Milan last week, if not wider in its scope, was quite the most serious of all the plans of revolt recently laid, in its possible consequences of blood-letting, and local, if not general, confusion. Bombs, revolvers and such like destructive tools were found in quantity sufficient to prove that money, agents and a resolute purpose, were not lacking in this last wild effort. The object seems to have been to get possession of the City of Milan, there perhaps to proclaim the new form of government, whatever it may be. As usual, there has been exaggerated statements as to the part which some connected with the division of the army stationed in that locality were ready to take. It is not asserted that corruption has been practiced in the army, but sympathy with these movements to a limited extent is known to exist, and among the considerable number of arrests made have been officers and soldiers, on the charge of knowledge if not participation in these transactions.

It cannot be made out that the real Republican Party of Italy is engaged in these schemes of disloyalty. The names of none of its responsible leaders are identified with efforts which have not a clear object. Besides the leading parties, there are several political sects in the country, which are dreaming of one does not really know what. Among reflecting men it is not believed that republicanism and federation can be established until the country has made much more progress in political knowledge, with instruction extended to the masses of the population. This fact has been repeated a great many times. But it is useless for anybody to deny that the Republican Party is very numerous and strong in Italy, and the success of this form of government in Spain, or any other European country, would be the signal for its trial here.

The discovery of this plot has been the preoccupation of the past week. The newspapers have been filled with all sorts of testimony, and such of it as is trustworthy goes to prove that the ramifications of this conspiracy have had a wide extent. At Naples arrests in scores have been and continue to be made, and witnessing so much activity in this line reminds one of the old Government. At Milan it is much the same, and Florence also has had its part. On Friday night last seven or eight persons were arrested. Bombs of the Orsini model, seditious publications, and the usual revolutionary machinery, were found in quantities, with evidence to show that work was laid out for many actors in this part of the field. The conspirators were found to be furnished with liberal supplies of money, which fact has set conjecture at work to find out from what source it has come. Some will have it that the Pope has given up a portion of his Peter's pence; others that the deposed Princes have given from their large private means; and finally the Count DE BISMARCK, acting with dissatisfaction the tendency to a political combination between Italy, France and Austria, has paid for the fuel for these revolutionary fires. The whole discussion shows how imperfectly the actual condition is understood.

It is admitted that this plot is the most serious that has menaced the Italian Kingdom since its organization in its present form. But that any great alarm has been felt I do not believe. It cannot be doubted that the constituted authority has means at hand for the immediate repression of all such theatrical demonstrations. At the same time such attempts are, not to be trifled with or laughed at. They at least serve the purpose of keeping a Ministry already sufficiently troubled thoroughly awake.

These plots against the peace of the Italian Kingdom, organized on the soil of Switzerland, seem to threaten the good understanding which has existed between the two countries. It is stated that the Minister of Foreign Affairs has remonstrated with the Federal Government for the tolerance extended to MAZZINI and his companions, who, as it is alleged, have violated the rights of hospitality by organizing sedition against a friendly State. The Minister, not having obtained the wished-for assurances, has gone further, and threatened the rupture of diplomatic relations, and even menaced a blockade of the Canton of Ticino, if a check is not put upon these proceedings. At Lugano, as is well known, is established the head-quarters of the Director-in-Chief; and the Federal Authority takes the ground that it cannot, in harmony with the principle upon which the State is founded, refuse the right of asylum to MAZZINI and his friends. It is natural that Switzerland should wish to see a federal republic established in Italy, for under such a system it would not be difficult for that people to become a part of a great and strong State.

For the rest, whatever plans are laid outside, the execution is to take place here, and the finding of so many bombs, which are minutely described in the newspapers, shows that lives, and probably those of persons in conspicuous positions, were to be taken; and it concerns not a few to know who were picked out for victims. We shall learn something more about this when the examination takes place.

CLERICAL STUDENTS AS SOLDIERS.

The vote in the Lower House of Parliament abolishing the immunity of the clerical students from military service, was so decided that hope was raised that an end would be made of a question which has been in discussion for many years. But the fate of the measure in the Senate is not yet quite so clear. Doubt is expressed whether the action of the Deputies will be confirmed; or, at best, the action may end in a compromise.

Changes are to be made in the Cabinet, and elements taken from the Opposition are to enter, to satisfy the demands of conflicting opinion. The Ministers of Marine and of Commerce, and one or two others, will go out. Signor FERRARI, leader of the Federalists in the Chamber, and one of the best-instructed men in Italy, is spoken of for one of the places.

THE SPANISH THRONE.

The little Prince THOMAS is again talked about as a possible candidate for the Spanish throne. As you may very well know, Prince THOMAS is a nephew of the King of Italy, and brother of the Princess MARGARETTE, HUMBERT's wife. This double connection with the reigning House of Italy would draw the two Latin nations nearer to each other if he should become Sovereign of Spain. He is now not far from eighteen, gentle and good, and, intellectually, promises well, and has lately been sent to one of the English schools. If the Spaniards resolve to have a King, this plastic mind may be moulded to their needs, if into their political Constitution is put a good deal of the wholesome leaven which has worked so well in this batch.

VERDI'S "DON CARLOS."

VERDI's opera of "Don Carlos," brought out for the first time here in Florence a few nights back, has had more than usual praise in the newspapers. The large Pagliano Theatre has been overrun with enthusiasts who admire the beauty of the music, rendered by a good company, while the opera, as a spectacle, is well put upon the stage. The receipts the first night, 18,000f., seems like an American example. Certainly an extraordinary success for Italy.

THE SPRING RACES.

The first of the Spring races took place in the Cascine to-day with a great concourse in attendance. They are continued for three days. Sporting habits are now well established in Italy, and in the principal cities the interest increases from year to year, as the King, doing his part, goes the rounds. ANGELICO.

Terrific Locomotive Explosion on the Burlington County Railroad—Two Men Fatally and Several Seriously Injured.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Friday, May 21, 1869.

This morning, about 10 o'clock, engine No. 39, of the Camden and Burlington County Railroad, exploded its boiler while attached to a mail train, passing between Washington and Water streets, Mount Holly. The engine was raised from the wheels and thrown violently into the air, and descended upon the track with tremendous force, breaking ties, bending rails and scattering pieces of machinery in every direction. A portion of the boiler, in the form of several revolutions, and finally lodged in the Rancocas Creek, a distance of 100 feet from where the explosion occurred. The cars were thrown together in one confused mass. The engineer, JON GOSKIL, and the fireman, CHARLES L. PLATT, were both fatally injured, being horribly scalded and mangled. The conductor, JOHN SAYLER, is very seriously hurt, but hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mr. SAYLER was thrown under some cars and rubbish, and was only extricated with great difficulty; he was seriously scalded, and his face and head were cut severely. The gig-top brakesman, EDWARD JOYCE, was blown with the gig into an adjoining field, but escaped with a broken arm. There were five others on different parts of the train, who escaped with slight bruises. The explosion was caused by too great a pressure of steam, it being necessary for heavy trains to put on a full head in consequence of the steep grade at this point. The engine was an old one, and had been previously condemned. The Company is severely censured for permitting it to remain in service.

The scene of the accident was sad one, and was visited by hundreds of spectators. The concussion caused by the explosion was terrific, shaking the buildings in the immediate vicinity to their foundations. A miraculous escape was that of a gentleman walking upon the track, in the opposite direction from the train: he stepped to the left of the track immediately before the explosion occurred, to avoid the train. Had he turned to the right he would have met with instant death, by coming in contact with the descending engine.

Later.—The fireman, CHAS. L. PLATT, has, since my last dispatch, died from the injuries received. The Coroner will hold an inquest upon the body this evening. He leaves a widow and two small children. The Company, with remarkable promptness, have repaired the track and removed the *debris*, and the trains are passing over as usual.

The Late Commodore McCauley, U. S. N.

Commodore CHARLES STEWART MCCAULEY, one of the oldest naval officers, died at his residence, in Washington, on Friday, in the 76th year of his age. Commodore MCCAULEY was a nephew of Admiral CHARLES STEWART, who commanded the frigate *Constitution* during the war of 1812, was born in Philadelphia, entered the navy at the age of 19, under Commodore DECATUR, and served under Commodore CHAUNCEY as midshipman. During the last war with Great Britain he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and obtained the highest rank, of Post Captain, in 1829. He was assigned to the command of the *Delaware* in 1846, had charge of the Washington Navy-yard during the Mexican war, commanded the Pacific Squadron from 1852 to 1855, and his last sea service was while in command of the Home Squadron, having been assigned to this duty in 1858, during the diplomatic complication between Spain and the United States, to protect the maritime interests of the country in the West Indies.

At the breaking out of the rebellion, in 1861, Commodore MCCAULEY was in command of the Norfolk Navy-yard, and under instructions from the Secretary of the Navy, GIDEON WELLES, destroyed the property at that place to prevent its falling into the hands of the rebels. The Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the affair failing to exonerate him entirely from blame in the matter, he felt that his honor as an officer had been wounded, his reputation blemished, the effect of which was to plunge him into the deepest melancholy, and wasting disease of the heart, of which he died.

Under the act of Congress of July 16, 1862, Commodore MCCAULEY was placed on the retired list, having served his country in the navy for over half a century.

OUR METROPOLITAN MORMONS.

Is Polygamy Practiced in New-York by the Latter-Day Saints?

The Mormon Colony in Williamsburg—Interesting Account of their Manners, Habits, Business and Religious Services—A Mormon Church in Our Midst—Curious Phase of Life in New-York.

In this City of many races and many churches it is but natural that multifarious sects should exist. There is hardly a Christian denomination known which has not a branch to represent it in New-York and its environs. Even the Mormons, who are generally supposed to be located only in Utah, have a colony and a church in this vicinity.

Just across the East River, in Williamsburg, there is a settlement or congregation of the "Latter-Day Saints," who are English and Welsh principally, and number 175 families. They live in Grand, Sixth, South First and Second streets, occupying the floors above the stores, and living in some of the smaller houses in the rear of the east front of Sixth-street. They are nearly all members of the working classes, and have not much pretension to education; neither do they seem to be overburdened with this world's goods, although want and suffering from privation of any kind are not to be met with among them. Perhaps that is the result of their obedience to law set down in JOSEPH SMITH's book of Revelations, "If there shall be properties in the hands of the Church or any individuals of it, more than is necessary for their support, it shall be kept to administer to those who have not." They seem to be fully convinced of the infallibility of JOSEPH SMITH's doctrines as laid down by him in the Book of Mormon. These people have been established in Williamsburg seven years and came here originally with a view to emigrate to Salt Lake City, the "Zion" of the Saints, for which purpose they have raised a fund, by special contributions, styled the "Perpetual Emigrating Fund." They are now so numerous as to be called a branch conference, and are ruled by a President, Elders and Deacon. They have a church or chapel at No. 146 Grand-street. It is a tastefully carpeted and furnished room, having at one end a raised dais, on which stands a large walnut desk with corner gaslights, and three green velvet armchairs for the President and Elders, around the sides of the apartment; two rows of green morocco-covered chairs are arranged for the accommodation of the audience, and during service additional seats have to be furnished, owing to crowded attendance. The church is free to all persons during service, which commences at 3 P. M., on Sundays. It is opened with prayer and singing, after which a portion of Scripture (according to the Mormon version) is read and expounded. The sacrament is then administered to the faithful by the presiding officer and his associates. It consists of plain bread and water, and is carried round the room on plates and in glasses or cups, and handed to the parishioners by the Elders; after this any members who choose to do so, may make a few remarks for the benefit of the church. Such was the style of afternoon service witnessed by us not many Sundays ago. There was nothing very remarkable about it, except that the congregation certainly had somewhat the aspect of pilgrims journeying to some distant shrine, and were pausing here to rest. The ladies were not remarkable for any great personal attractions, unless one should look upon age and worldly experience as such, and the male portion of the congregation looked like hard-fisted, hard-working mechanics. On the evening of our visit the service was presided over by two of the most distinguished luminaries who had lately arrived from Salt Lake City—JOSEPH A. YOUNG, the great BRIGHAM's eldest son, and ORSON PRATT, formerly President of the Saints in Great Britain. They lectured on the decided indication of the divine approval of the purposes of Mormonism given by the providentially successful completion and opening of the Pacific Railroad, which will render the transit of Saints to Utah, the Canaan of their prophet, more rapid and easy. They were enthusiastically received.

After church we had an opportunity of conversing with some of the members with regard to their social and domestic views and conditions. Being introduced to a gentleman said to be an Elder, we conversed with him on polygamy, as to its existence among the members of this Conference. He denied it, and assigned as a reason therefor the inability of the husbands to support more than one wife. Thinking that this was only an attempt to evade the question, we asked him whether it would be permitted if a man were able to support two wives. He answered "that it certainly was admissible, all parties being agreeable." He was next asked if it had ever existed here in Williamsburg.

"Well," said he, "yes or no, that is to say, there have been men in this community who had more than one wife, but without the knowledge of the Elders. It was in this way: Some Englishmen came out to America a little while ago, and after being here some time professed a strong desire to become members of the church. Believing their professions to be true, we received them to our bosoms as brethren. They married our daughters and lived with us happily for a time, until the truth leaked out that the object of their becoming Mormons was to pursue a course of licentiousness which is strictly forbidden and condemned, and, moreover, had deserted women, their former wives, whom they had left in England. According to the law of the Master, as revealed to the Prophet: 'we laid the ax to the root of the evil, lopped off the dead branches, and purified the Church of these corrupt members!' since then, we, of this community, have altogether discountenanced anything like polygamy, although we are again suffering from some such trouble, but are applying the same remedy."

We asked him as to the worldly prospects of his flock, whether they were rich or not. His reply was characteristic of the spirit which seems to pervade every member we met.

"We are not rich, nor are we poor," said he. "We work for our daily bread each and every one of us. I myself am a painter. More than that, we always deal with each other, as far as is practicable, and with no one else."

We were next introduced to a Mormon lady who resides in Grand-street. She kindly invited us to call whenever we were in her neighborhood, which we did the next afternoon.

INTERVIEW WITH A MORMON LADY.

The interview was long, amusing and interesting. She said she had been brought up in the Church of England, but becoming convinced of the truth of the Mormon doctrine, she had embraced it twenty years ago, and remained steadfast to that faith ever since. She had been married many years, and was the mother of grown-up children. In reply to our question on polygamy, she said it did not exist among the Latter-Day Saints in Williamsburg. She considered it right that a man should take another woman to wife, if his first was willing, and he could support both. She could not see why a man in these more modern days should be a sinner for doing that which God permitted Abraham and the patriarchs to do in former days. This and many other similar arguments she used to bolster up her theory of polygamy's not being contrary to the laws of God and Christian morality. But the tables were somewhat turned by putting a case in point to the effect:

"Supposing, madam, that your husband should come to you to-morrow morning and say I am going to get married again, what would you say?"

"Well, if he could show me just reasons for so doing and the woman was a good one, I should not be a Mormon if I refused," was the answer.

"But would you, the mother of his children, after all these years of wedded bliss, consent that another woman should step in to supplant you in your husband's affections?"

"My husband wouldn't do any such thing."

"But suppose he should, ma'am? No doubt there are many other Mormon gentlemen that do."

"He would'nt, I tell you," said she angrily, her face assuming a peculiar crimson, which almost made us feel somewhat uneasy. But being determined to sift the matter right to the bottom, we put one more question.

"Would you consent to have a lady friend of your own good standing in society and in the church, a sharer of your husband's love, if he felt her necessary to his happiness—would you, I say, let him bring her to this house?"

"I'd just like to see him do it!" she said, as she bent over the sewing she had in her hands, "I would just like to see him do it!"

As she was dropped the subject together, for we had proceeded so far as almost to incur her displeasure. With regard to matters of Church practice, such as the religious education of children, she was not quite so communicative. We had put her in bad humor, and there was no help for it but to bid her good-day, and do so politely we did, turning our attention this time to the

MORMON'S CAVE.

It is a cave in reality—an excavation beneath No. 146 Grand-street—and beneath the street also. It is kept as a restaurant by an English man, who owns the house and lets the upper rooms to the Saints as a chapel, in which to hold their services. Here the conversation with the landlord turned on his tenants and their habits. Many people who live in this neighborhood were present, and all concurred in the opinion that if the Mormons had no other good in them, the virtues of brotherly love, and earnest solicitude for each other's welfare, were sufficient to make them highly respectable and respected citizens. As to their having a multiplicity of wives, divers opinions were expressed. Some believed they had, but none knew definitely. The Mormons are so reserved and exclusive that their domestic matters are entirely hidden from neighbors, and so secret are they on all things connected with any member of the community, that to the public all is mystery and enshrouded with uncertainty. One man asserted positively that he knew a follower of JOS. SMITH, who lived in the same house with three female disci

CURRENT LITERATURE.

WEARY.

I'm sick of the world and its trouble,
I'm weary of pleasures that cloy,
I see through the bright-colored bubble,
And find no enjoyment in joy.

Is all that we earn worth the striving?
Is all that we gain worth the prize?
Is all that we learn worth the learning?
Is pleasure but pain in disguise?

Is sorrow o'er worth our dejection?
Is life but a snare and a cell?
Is love ever worth our affection?
Ho, yes, were it, dead, in Alnantolle!

O where are the eyes that enthralled us,
And where are the lips that we kissed?
Where the syren-like voices that called us,
And where all the chances we missed?

We know not what mortals call pleasure—
For clouded are skies that were blue;
Its dross now has melted our treasure,
And false are the hearts that were true.

The flowers we gathered are faded,
The leaves of our laurels are shed;
Our spirit is broken and jaded,
The hopes of our youth are all dead.

A dull, dreary feeling comes o'er us,
And night has o'erwhelmed our day;
Bright fruits of this earth only bore us;
They ripen—to fall and decay!

I'm sick of the world and its trouble,
For rest and seclusion I thirst;
I'm tired of the gay tinted bubble,
That brightenth only to burst!

—*From the Gentleman's Magazine for May.*

THE PHANTOM.

From All the Year Round.

"Easy all! ship!" cried the coxswain, and as we laid in our oars, well pleased at the prospect of a rest, our boat ran alongside the landing-place on the island at the end of Henley Reach.

We were rowing down from Oxford by easy stages in a four-oared gig. We had come out for pleasure, and not to perform aquatic feats. We rested whenever we felt disposed, and hailed the sight of a lock with invariable satisfaction. Our boat presented, as I looked down upon her from the bank, an appearance of comfortable untidiness. Carpet bags were stowed away under the seats, a hamper was lashed aft within easy reach of the coxswain, and upon the coxswain's seat reclined a suspicious tankard. Two or three unbusiness-like pipes were on the floor, the usual miserable little sheepskin sitting-mats were replaced by thick, comfortable cushions, and our boat herself, a roomy inrigged gig, evidently meant pleasure.

We landed our hamper, unpacked the good things we had that morning brought from Wargrave, and devoted ourselves to our lunch, or rather dinner, with as good an appetite as if we really had been working hard. It was not long before this business was satisfactorily dispatched, and we were all reclining on the grass lazily smoking, or feeding to dangerous repletion a brood of yellow ducklings which had gathered about us.

All of us, that is to say, except Will Darton, who had quietly disappeared. Will had been the life and soul of our party hitherto; his laugh had been the gayest, his temper the sweetest, his work, on the rare occasions when we tried a little real rowing, the hardest. But all day, from the moment we decided on taking our lunch with us and on enjoying it in the pure June air on Regatta Island, rather than in a close inn room, his manner had changed. He had been strangely silent and preoccupied, something seemed to weigh heavily on his thoughts, and when any allusion to our coming resting-place was made, it seemed, in some odd way, to disturb him. I was more intimate with Will than our companions were, and this change of mood, so unusual with him, struck me very much.

Accordingly, when I missed him now, I strolled away across the little island in search of him. He was leaning against a tree by the water's edge, with folded arms, and was gazing at the water as it flowed between him and the Buckinghamshire shore, with a curious eagerness. He was in deep thought, and evidently in thought of no pleasant kind; his face was white, his brows were contracted. Thinking he must be ill, I hurriedly approached him, and laying my hand on his shoulder, cried:

"Why, Will, old boy, what's the matter?"

He made me no answer for a moment, and I had to repeat my question before he seemed to hear me. Then he started, and, with a strange abruptness of manner, replied:

"Nothing is the matter. What do you suppose is the matter?"

"You look pale," I said, "and you've not been yourself all day. I'm sure there's something wrong."

"I tell you there is nothing wrong. I wish you would leave me alone for a minute or two. It's hard I can't be allowed to be quiet in my own way," he answered, with a roughness that surprised me.

I kept my astonishment to myself, and turned away, saying:

"Very well. Have your own way. But recollect we must start in half an hour, or it will be getting late."

Our companions appeared to have no curiosity as to anybody's movements, nor did they seem to have missed either me or Will. I found them reclining, oblivious of all earthly things, with their pipes in their mouths and their straw hats tilted on to their noses, and so evidently indisposed for conversation that I felt it was of no use to endeavor to arouse any interest in their minds as to Will and his eccentricities. Making the best of the situation, I joined them, and was presently gazing dreamily up at the bright blue sky through a grateful screen of overhanging leaves, and watching the smoke of my pipe as it floated off in the calm air. By and by the sky became dimmer, my pipe gradually dropped from my lips, and I fell insensibly into a heavy sleep.

I awoke presently with a start, and disposed, as is the custom with most mid-day sleepers, to declare I hadn't closed an eye. The assertion was unnecessary. My companions, who were lively enough now, were busily engaged in a violent metaphysical discussion, of the discursive nature suitable to such an occasion, and were not even disposed for bad jokes at my expense. The subject immediately under treatment was the engrossing one of ghosts and apparitions, and the argument was warm. As I rose, I saw Will Darton coming toward us along the path, more like himself than when I had left him by the river, but still with a disturbed look upon his face. Knowing it was time to start, I interrupted the eager talkers.

"Now, you fellows, if you mean to get to Marlow to-night, you must drop the subject and take to your oars instead. You can finish what you've got to say when you get in."

"Very well," said little Jack Long, the smallest and the most obstinate of the crew; "I've no objection. But I must say that of all the nonsense I ever heard, these two men have been talking the worst. Fred says he firmly believes in ghosts, although he knows nothing about them except from books; and the other lunatic knows a fellow who knows another fellow whose grandmother saw one, or something of that sort. I don't believe in ghosts myself. I never saw one, and I never saw anybody else who had ever seen one; and what's more, I don't believe that any man ever was told of a ghost by the man who had seen it. They're always at second hand."

Will Darton had stopped short as he heard the beginning of this speech. His face, pale before, became paler now; some strange fear seemed to be looking from his eyes, and it was evident he was much disturbed. When the speaker ceased Will flushed, and, with an irritable excitement very unlike his usual self, interrupted the laughing protests of Jack's antagonists by crying, as he hastily advanced:

"You! You don't believe in ghosts. You've never been told of a ghost by a man who saw it. Good Heavens! Why I——"

He hastily checked himself, the flush faded from his cheek; once more he became deadly pale.

"Hollos! hollos!" said Jack. "What's the matter now? Are you the particular friend of the spectral world? or is that your polite way of intimating your belief in ghosts? Here, you two, here's an ally for you! But I shall be ready to tackle you all three when we get to Marlow."

"And if you are going to stop talking here much longer," I said, "we shall never get to Marlow. Come along, let's be off! Come, Will!"

He seemed to wake out of the same curious abstracted state as he had been in by the river side, and, taking my arm, went mechanically with me toward the boat.

"You'd better steer, Will," said little Jack Long. "Don't look well, you see,"—to me—" and you, Charley, row stroke; I'll go up to bow, and then I can see that nobody shirks."

I took the stroke oar, and we started. As we passed the end of the island, Will looked nervously across the river; and as we left Greenlands behind and neared Hambledon Lock, he was evidently under the influence of strong mental excitement. As we waited for the lock to open, he shuddered, as if with cold, and, when we were in the lock, he looked back more than once toward the way we had come. As we passed out, he gave a great sigh as of relief, and as we made for Medmenham, at a good pace—for it was getting dark—he seemed to revive. By the time we reached Marlow he was, but for his unaccustomed silence, apparently at ease, and, as the evening advanced, seemed to recover himself completely.

It was very warm in our room, and as I did not feel inclined for supper, I wandered for some time about the pretty garden of the inn, and leaning presently on the wall overlooking the weir, filled my pipe and began to smoke. It was a beautiful, clear moonlight night. The water at my feet dashed in a mimic torrent over the weir with a cool and pleasant sound. In the shade beside me the river was dark enough, but further on and past the lock it ran, a stream of glittering silver, to the darkling hills beyond. On my right a broad meadow stretched away in the moonlight to the glorious Bisham woods, and the smell of its new-mown hay mingling with the pleasant garden scents, loaded the warm air with perfume. No sound but the rush of the water, and now and then the distant barking of a dog, broke the calm silence of the height. I looked long upon the beautiful scene, forgetting all but the sight before me, until I was aroused from my reverie by a man who came and leaned upon the wall by my side. It was Will Darton. He was calm enough now, as he gazed out into the soft Summer night, but for some time he was still silent. At last he spoke.

"Charley, old fellow, I beg your pardon for my rudeness and ill manners to-day. I had my reasons, believe me."

"Don't say another word on the subject," I said. "I saw you were ill, and thought no more of it."

"I was well enough; as well as I am now," he replied; "but I could not, hard as I tried, shake it off."

"It?" I asked, curiously.

"The thought that——" He broke off for a moment, and looked intently over the landscape; then resuming with a touch of the irritability I had noticed in him in the morning, said: "You heard Jack Long's profession of faith in the matter of apparitions?"

"Which you didn't seem to like! Yes."

"He said that he had never heard of a ghost from the man who had seen it. Have you ever heard of a ghost from the man who had seen it?" I shook my head with a smile. "Then you shall hear the story now. I should not like to tell it to those others; but I can tell it to you."

I was considerably startled. "Why, you don't mean to tell me that you ever saw a ghost?" I cried.

"That you shall judge of for yourself. Listen."

You recollect my being engaged to make those sketches of Thames scenery for that boating-book, three years ago?—well, that was the time. I had been idling down the river for a couple of months, working hard now and then, and taking spells of rest as the fit took me, and at last had worked my way down as far as Henley. I had a fancy for being independent of railways and of all sorts of locomotion not at my own control, and I had bought a boat for my cruise, roomy enough to hold all the materials I wanted, and to accommodate a friend or so now and then. Often, during the earlier part of my voyage, I had had companions; Jack Long was with me for two or three days, and you joined us, if you remember, for a week, idling about Streatley and Pangbourne. I had a companion, too, on my way from Mapledurham to Henley; I forget who it was—no matter now, but he left me at Henley, and I was alone. It was fine, hot, June weather, very favorable for my purpose, and I spent a week about the reaches we passed to-day, hard at work. I filled many sketch-books, and might have filled many more, but my time was growing short, and it was necessary that I should make a move. All the time I had been at Henley, some curious fascination seemed to take me down to Regatta Island. Often when I had planned a long day's work at the picturesque bits about Marsh Mills and the woods of Park-place, I felt an irresistible impulse to turn back and to row down the reach. I suppose I must have painted that horrible old temple, and that graceful clump of trees on Regatta Island a dozen times more than there was any occasion for me to do. I used to feel disgusted with myself at the repetition of the same views over and over again in my portfolio, but somehow or another I could not get away from that part of the river.

At last my time at Henley was so nearly up that I had made all my arrangements for starting next day, when I received a letter from Dalrymple, an old friend and water-color painter like myself, to say that he had taken a little cottage opposite Hambledon Lock, and that he was down for a month's sketching. He would be at home to-morrow night, he said, and would I give him a call before I left. Well, I had not seen Dalrymple for some time, and although I felt a secret presentment that it would be well for me to refuse the invitation, I wrote to say I would dine with him next day. The day after that I intended dropping down the river to Cookham, where I had plenty of work before me.

I slept but ill that night, harassed by I know not what fears and vague sense of trouble. When I awoke in the early morning there were heavy clouds about the sky, threatening thunder. I started in the afternoon; I had intended to take all my traps and paddle on, after I had left Dalrymple, to Marlow, but was obliged to abandon that intention and to arrange to return to Henley that night.

The thunder-clouds hung heavily about the hills when I started, and the river had that dull, lead-colored hue so ominous of bad weather. As I rowed past the Poplars, a few heavy drops fell spattering about me, and I almost decided on turning back. But it was my only chance for some time of seeing Dalrymple, whom I wanted much to see, (you know he married my sister afterward,) and I went on. As I rowed on, the air cleared, and by the time I reached the island it was a fine bright day, though oppressively hot. I hung about all the afternoon sketching, and feeling it impossible to get away from the strange fascinations of the place, until it was absolutely necessary to lay down the sketch-book and to row on to my destination.

How well I remember Greenlands that afternoon! The House was empty, and the old-fashioned green jalousies were closed. But for the beauty of the gardens, it might have seemed deserted. The colors of the flowers were too bright to be dimmed, even by the formal arrangement of the beds in which they were set; the standard roses along the river terrace were just bursting into their wealth of blossom, the river's bank was fringed with clusters of blue forget-me-nots. On the other side of the river the meadows spread far away, the mowers were at work, the scent of new-mown hay came to me from them as it comes to me from those meadows there now.

As I passed down the river toward the weir, leaving, as you know, the lock on my left, I felt a strange shudder creeping over me that I could not account for. It is true that a black lurid cloud was just then sweeping over the sun, but the air was warm enough, and it was no external chill I felt. I hadn't far to go. DALRYMPLE'S cottage was just above the weir; I found him waiting for me, and in his welcome forgot the momentary sense of something wrong that had troubled me.

We had much to talk of, and, after dinner, paced up and down the little garden in front of his lodging until late. The moon was up, but a heavy bank of clouds was rising slowly beneath her, and it promised a bad night. More than once I tried to make a start, but something always prevented me, and it was fully 11 o'clock before I got into my boat. By that time the bank of clouds had broken, and was driving under the force of an upper current of wind across the sky. There was no wind below, but an ominous murmur among the rushes, and strange, sudden ripples on the water warned me that I must make the best of my way if I would escape a wetting.

I pushed off from the little stairs, and, as I started, a heavy thunder-cloud veiled the moon, and I was in darkness. I knew my way too well to be troubled by that, and sculled out into the stream, intending to make for the island on which the lock-house stands, and so across to the towpath side of the river.

As I got into the deeper shadow of the trees on the island I felt the shuddering feeling I had experienced in the morning. I almost persuaded myself to turn back, and to ask Dalrymple for shelter for the night; but, although the muttering thunder was by this time filling the air, and heavy drops of rain were beginning to fall, something, I can't tell what, kept me on my course.

As I passed the head of the island the darkness was intense, but there was light enough for me to see that I had reached the proper course, and I lay down to my work vigorously. At that moment, from under the very shadow, as it were, of the lock-gates, a punt silently emerged. Again I felt that nameless, objectless shudder. It was, as far as I could see, a common fisherman's punt, and there was one man in it. I wondered for a moment how he came to be there, the lock-gates being, as I could see, even in that dim light, shut. But I paid but little attention to him, and went on my own way. Presently I found the punt close to me, going, as it seemed to me, exactly my pace, and the man in it, I could not help thinking, watching me. This feeling made me uneasy, and I quickened my pace. The punt shot after me, and was presently alongside. I ceased, and paddled quietly. The punt dropped back, and was again alongside my skiff. And now I noticed that it passed over the water noiselessly; that the man's punt-pole made no sound as it was dropped into the water, no sound as he recovered it, and dragged it through the water for a fresh purchase. Its occupant now kept his head toward the shore away from me, and sometimes seemed to stop and listen, as if he expected to hear some one in pursuit. But whether he stopped or whether he worked, his punt, black against the black water, kept on her noiseless way, and kept with me. As we passed Greenlands the clock struck half-past eleven, and, aroused by the sound, I called to my unwelcome companion, "What o'clock's that?" more, I fancy, for the sake of breaking the stillness that was oppressing me than for any other reason, for I felt that I should get no answer. As I expected, there was no reply. The punt went on its way, stopping when I stopped, keeping pace with me when I rowed fast, its mysterious occupant always apparently ignorant of my very existence, continually pausing to listen for something he appeared to expect.

I tried to persuade myself there was nothing in all this, but I began to feel a sense of terror creeping over me that I found it impossible to resist. By this time we were nearing Regatta Island, and while I was watching with absorbed interest the silent progress of the punt by my side, it suddenly, apparently without any increased exertion on the part of its occupant, shot ahead of me, and, crossing my bows, made over toward the Bucks shore. At this moment a bright flash of lightning lit up the country with surprising distinctness, and left everything so dark afterward that, although I felt the punt was again alongside, but this time on my left instead of my right hand, I could hardly make it out. The man's face was toward me now, I knew, and I peered curiously through the darkness to see what manner of man this strange companion of mine might be. It had grown very dark. The moon was quite concealed by heavy storm-clouds. I could not see the man's features, but could make out that he was looking earnestly and eagerly in the direction from which we had come. So for a few strokes the punt although its occupant stood motionless, and watching, still keeping its way, until we were close on the bushes at the tail of the island. Another vivid flash of lightning showed the punt and man to me, within a few yards, as clear as daylight could have done. And, O Heaven! what a face that brief moment's light showed me! An old man, with short grizzled hair, that seemed to stand on end under the influence of some frightful horror; his face was ghastly pale, except where a livid scar that seamed his cheek showed red across the ashy skin; his throat was bare, and he seemed to have been in a struggle, for his shirt and loose velvet-een jacket were torn about his neck, and the shaggy whiskers under his chin were in great disorder. I fancied, too, that there was blood upon his breast and face. I was sure there was upon his hands. His eyes, with the light of a mad horror in them, awful in its intensity, were starting through the darkness toward the lock-house, and he seemed to be straining every nerve to catch some sound from that quarter. I saw, at the same time, hardly knowing how I saw it in that short moment, a gun leaning against the well of the punt.

While yet I was fascinated by the horror of the sight, he disappeared behind the bushes, and as the black darkness settled again upon the scene, a rattling peal of thunder awoke the echoes of the hills. I was too startled for a moment to row, and lay upon my sculls vainly trying to explain to myself what I had seen; but, finding my boat drifting down with the stream, started once more. Hardly had I done so before I was alarmed by the report of a gun, close at hand, as it seemed, followed by a loud splash in the water. Connecting this at once with the man I had seen, I rowed round to the other side of the island as fast as I could, and hailed him loudly. There was no answer, and I could see nothing. I rowed up and down the length of the island half a dozen times, but without result. The man and punt were gone. I could not understand it. The man's wild, strange appearance, his evident terror, and the disorder of his dress alarmed me. And then the gun and the splash! What was it? What could have happened? I rowed uneasily about the spot for some time, until a horror of it and of what I had seen completely mastered me, and I made the best of my way to Henley. The storm was now at its height, and raging with great fury.

I tied my boat up to the stairs, and went at once to my lodgings. There was no one about, and even if there had been I think the strange sensation I felt would have prevented my saying anything about the events of the night. All night I turned and tossed uneasily in my bed. Whenever I closed my eyes I saw again the livid scar-marked face, the straining wild eyes, the bloody hands. The recollection of that one brief moment terrified me more than I can express. I felt as if it would be impossible to forget it; and indeed I feel no still. Toward morning I fell into an uneasy sleep, in which the occurrences of my flight now repeated themselves over and over again, and when I awoke I was feverish and unrefreshed.

It was a bright, clear, fresh morning after the storm, and although I felt by no means well, I thought the row to Cookham would do me good. So I held to my purpose, (which I had, when I first awoke, for a moment thought of abandoning,) and started. As I neared the island I felt a strange inexplicable dread of meeting the man I had seen last night, but although I felt as if my doing so would increase the chance of a meeting, I rowed along the bucks shore where I had missed the punt. There was nothing to be seen near the island, nothing all the way to the lock, but as I rowed along that piece of water I felt creeping over me the cold shuddering feeling that I had felt as I left Dalrymple the previous evening. Nothing appeared to have occurred in the neighborhood out of the usual course. The lock-keeper returned my "good morning" without entering into conversation, as I felt sure he would have done if any strange occurrence had happened during the night. Once through the lock, the chill feeling of terror which had oppressed me disappeared gradually, and I began to persuade myself that I had exaggerated what I had seen; but I could not shake off the memory of the face.

By the time I reached Marlow I felt so tired and ill that I gave up the idea of going any further that day. Not to lose time, however, I determined to take some sketches of Bisham, and as I felt indisposed for any more rowing, I took old Tom Peacock, the fisherman, with me to scull. Tom was, as you know, a garrulous old fellow, and he soon began to talk. He rambled on for some time with his fishing stories and his poaching adventures, all of which I had heard before, and to which, consequently, I paid but little attention. Presently, when the stream of his loquacity had run a little dry, I asked him, more for the sake of saying something than because I felt any interest in the question, whether the storm had been bad last night at Marlow.

"Bad?" said old Tom; "ay, that it were. I dunno as ever I see a badder, except one, three year ago, and just about this time that were, too. Why, what day of the month were yesterday?"

"The twenty-first."

"The twenty-first of June," said the old man, lowering his voice; "ay, that were the very day it was done, three year ago."

"It was done! what was done? What do you mean?" The cold chill came over me again, and I almost fancied I could see the face again.

"Didn't ye hear of jit afore?" asked Tom. "Ah, no, I remember, you haven't been this way for some time, and p'raps you missed it in Lunnon papers. Well, you see, Sir, this was the way of it. You didn't know old Kit Garth, the fisherman, up Hambledon way, maybe? No? Ah, it wasn't over much he was on the river! He lived best part of his time drinking at the public, and I don't think he was over-particular as to how he got his money. However, that's no business of mine you know. Old Kit was a terrible old rascal, surely, and a pretty life he and his son, who was a'most as big a blackguard as his father, led poor old Mrs. Garth, that was a decent sort of lady enough, poor soul, for the likes of Kit; and although I used to beg her, and well-nigh starve her sometimes, she never complained. I believe she was fond of 'em both, somehow, and certainly the young 'un used to be a bit kind to her by times, and protected her against the old man now and then; but you see, Sir, it wasn't often as he could do that, for in general, as sure as ever Kit was drunk, young Kit was drunk too. Well, they went on at this sort o' life for some time, sometimes in prison for assaults, sometimes for poaching and that, (though there ain't much in that, I think,) until one day it came to a regular blow up. The two men had been drinking hard, and the old 'un, so soon as ever he got home, began a bullyragging and a punching the missus. Well, the young 'un he interfered, and the upshot of it was as there was a reg'lar fight. What happened exactly nobody never rightly knowed, except one thing, and that was that in the morning old Kit had got a awful cut right across the cheek, and that young Kit was off. We never saw no more of him. Folks said he'd gone for a sodger, and got shot in the Crimea, but I don't know nothing about that. After he'd gone things went on worse and worse with the Garths, and old Kit, whose beauty wasn't improved by the scar left by his son's parting present, seemed to go right off his head like, when he'd got his drink aboard, and ill-used his wife worse than ever. Well, Sir, to make a long story short, one night, it was the twenty-first of June, three year ago, old Kit went home from the public at a little afore eleven o'clock, not quite drunk, although he'd been drinking hard. It was a tremendous bad night, thundering and lightening fearful, and a deal of rain falling, but old Kit didn't mind that, and set off for his cottage which was about a mile from the river. Nobody seed him on the road home; there wasn't many people about such a night as that, as you may suppose, Sir, and nobody seed him go into his house. A little after eleven the neighbors was aroused by frightful screams and cries of murder from old Kit's cottage; and although they was used to strange noises from there now and then, some of 'em thought it sounded more serious this time, and turned out to see what was up. They found the garden gate and cottage door both open; and, between 'em, as if she'd run out with her last strength, they found the poor old woman. Her head and face had been all battered in with some heavy instrument, and I was told by them as picked her up that it was a most dreadful sight to see. She was stone dead, o' course. There wasn't much doubt about who'd done it. The poor old creetur had got hold of a handful of gray whiskers and a piece of old Kit's neckercher, and old Kit himself, and his gun was not to be found. The alarm was raised, and the constables come, and they hunted about for old Kit all that night, but managed, of course, to go every way but the right, until it was too late. At last they goes down to the lock, and they says to the keeper, who hadn't heard nothing o' what had been going on: 'Ha' ye seen anything o' old Garth?' 'Yes,' says the lock-keeper. He'd come down there about two hours ago, had jumped into his punt which was a lying just outside the lock-gates, and gone of up the river. The keeper told 'em he didn't half like the old man's looks. He just see him by the light of a flash of lightning, and he said his face looked like death, and as if there was something horrible after him. He'd got his gun with him, the keeper said, and his shirt was all tore about his throat as if he'd ha' been having a fight. The constables they went off to Henley, hot-foot, but they didn't find no Kit, and for a good reason. The next morning his punt, with nothing in it but the gun, was found among the piles of the weir, and when they got the gun they got the thing as the murder was done with, for the poor old woman's gray hair was a sticking to the butt. As for Kit, he turned up about three days after, washed up against the lock-gates, and it was pretty clear how he came there, for he had a shot-hole in his breast big enough to put your hand in. That was just such another night as last night was—I mind it well."

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BIRD COURTSHIP.—I have seen a fine cock robin paying assiduous addresses to a female bird, as late as the middle of July; and I have no doubt that his intentions were honorable. I watched the pair for half an hour. The hen, I took it, was in the market for the second time that season, but the cock, from his bright, unfaded plumage, looked like a new arrival. The hen resented every advance of the male. In vain he strutted around her, and displayed his fine feathers; every now and then she would make at him in the most spiteful manner. He followed her to the ground, pouted into her ear a fine half-suppressed warble, offered her a worm, flew back to the tree again with a great spread of plumage, hopped around her on the branches, chirruped, chattered, flew gallantly at an intruder, and was back in an instant at her side. No use—she cut him short at every turn.

The *denouement* I cannot relate, as the artful bird, followed by her ardent suitor, soon flew away beyond my sight. It may not be rash to conclude, however, that she held out no longer than was prudent. On the whole, there seems to be a system of Women's Rights prevailing among the birds, which, contemplated from the standpoint of the male, is quite admirable. In almost all cases of joint interest, the female bird is the most active. She determines the site of the nest, and is usually the most absorbed in its construction. Generally, she is more vigilant in caring for the young, and manifests the most concern when danger threatens. Hour after hour I have seen the mother of a brood of blue greenbeaks pass from the nearest meadow to the tree that held her nest, with a cricket or grasshopper in her bill, while her better-dressed half was singing serenely on a distant tree, or pursuing his pleasure amid the branches.—*Atlantic for June.*

FRANZ SCHUBERT.—His round and puffy face, low forehead, projecting lips, bushy eyebrows, stumpy nose and short curly hair, gave him that negro look which corresponds with that conveyed by the bust which is to be found at the Wahring Churchyard. He was under the average height, round backed and shoulders, with plump arms and hands and short fingers. The expression of his face was neither intellectual nor pleasing, and it was only when music or conversation interested him, and especially if BEETHOVEN was the topic, that his eye began to brighten and his features light up with animation. However uncomely, nay, almost repulsive, his exterior, the spiritual and hidden part of the man was noble and abundantly endowed. All of SCHUBERT'S intimate friends agree that he was blessed with a good disposition, that he was a good son, fondly attached to all his family, a firm friend, always ready to do a good turn for any he loved, free from all envy and hatred, high-minded, and an enthusiastic worshipper of nature and the art which was sacred to him. There was a calmness in his demeanor and a cheerfulness, the result of an easily-pleased and contented spirit, which, coupled with his innocent humor and fondness for companionship, made him very attractive to men of similar disposition with his own. FRANZ SCHUBERT made no famous journeys, like MOZART and HAYDN, before him, and other great composers who succeeded him; he never appeared before crowned heads or produced his works before royal courts, acquiring thereby an enlarged understanding of the world, and a greater knowledge of mankind. Nor, like his great compeer BEETHOVEN, was he versed in ancient and modern literature, or knowledge of State affairs; nor, again, like MENDELSOHN and SCHUMANN, did he enjoy that modern culture and versatility which gave him such a catholicity to the studies of those famous men; his education under his father's roof never advanced beyond the ordinary routine of the necessary elements of knowledge, and the time he spent at the Convict was dedicated more exclusively to composing than the study of classic authors, his old Mrs. Garth, that was a decent sort of lady enough, poor soul, for the likes of Kit; and although he used to beg her, and well-nigh starve her sometimes, she never complained. I believe she was fond of 'em both, somehow, and certainly the young 'un used to be a bit kind to her by times, and protected her against the old man now and then; but you see, Sir, it wasn't often as he could do that, for in general, as sure as ever Kit was drunk, young Kit was drunk too. 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With scornful eye we pass her by,
And little care for a' that;
For Nature's charm shall bear the palm,—
A girl's a girl for a' that.

What though her neck with joins she deck,
With folly's gear and a' that,
And gaily ride in pomp and pride;
We can dispense with a' that.
An honest heart acts no such part,—
A girl's a girl for a' that.

The nobly born may proudly scorn
A lowly lass and a' that;
A pretty face has far more grace
Than haughty looks and a' that;
A bonnie maid needs no such aid,—
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Then let us trust that come it must,
And sure it will for a' that,
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Shall exalt supreme and a' that,
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—*Once a Week.*

SHORT STORIES.—No doubt one of the most agreeable things in literature is a thoroughly good short story. At the same time it is one of the most difficult to obtain. We have few or no trained writers in this branch of composition. Our professional novelists rarely attempt the short story, and when they do, are far from increasing their reputation thereby. Since the time of POE there has been no one eminently successful in this branch—no one whose invention or art has been sufficient for great success. A good short story should have one fresh, central incident, two or three well-conceived and sharply-drawn characters, a certain symmetrical unity in construction, a deep significance in the catastrophe or climax—not necessarily a moral, as ordinarily understood, but as nothing should be purposeless, the short story should illustrate some defect or virtue in human character, or portray some special experience whereby the imagination of the reader may be gratified, his sympathies awakened, or his knowledge of the world increased. It is not easy to find the distinctions to the short story. Its construction is an art, far more so than is generally believed. It has its laws, and bears very nearly the same relation to the novel that the song does to poetry. It must always properly possess one definite idea thrown into a compact, symmetrical form. Writers of short stories cannot hope to attain success unless they make this form of composition a profound study; they must have brevity of expression, conception of character, keen feeling for unity and symmetry in art, and very decided dramatic perceptions. All these qualifications are necessary, but many of them can be acquired by study. There is no reason why we should not have a corps of men and women especially trained in this branch of art, and capable of producing a regular supply of highly-enjoyable novels in miniature.—*Appletons' Journal.*

HOW EDWARD III. RAISED SUPPLIES.—As one of the means of raising money for his heavy expenses, EDWARD had obtained permission to buy 20,000 sacks of wool. This somewhat singular arrangement brings to light one of the ways in which the King obtained his supplies, and a most enormous and mischievous way it was. The wool itself was not granted to him, but only the right to buy it, (which was, in effect, a right to preemption,) and the profit he could make by selling it was the amount of subsidy he received. He thus became a merchant on his own account, and interfered, considerably, with all the regular course of trade. He allowed no wool to be bought or sold until he had obtained his 20,000 sacks, and he impressed ships, to the great inconvenience of their owners and the merchants in general, to carry the wool to Brabant, where he intended to sell it. These ships were kept waiting for the wool, in the Thames and other places, the whole Summer and autumn, and it is no wonder that later in the reign, when political intrigues had increased political liberty, such practices should have been deprecated. But there was still another difficulty and complication in the transaction. The King could not, of course, buy and sell in his own person, and he therefore employed ninety-six merchants to do so for him. They were to advance the King the sum of £200,000. As a return for this payment, he assigned to them all the customs duties throughout the kingdom; as remuneration for their trouble, he granted to them one-half of the profit on the transaction. The sellers received tallies on delivery of the wool, and the "obligatory letters of payment" were made out in the King's name. The merchants, therefore, had but little risk, and acted only as middlemen; and, inasmuch as they, who were to a large extent able to dictate to the owners what should be the price of the wool, gave only £8 a sack for it and sold it for £20, they must have been exorbitantly paid for their trouble; while the King, or rather the kingdom, did not ultimately realize any adequate amount from this very circuitous and costly mode of what was in reality arbitrary taxation.—*Longman's Life and Times of Edward III.*

GUSTAVE DORE.—"Would you like to visit GUSTAVE DORE'S studio?" Wouldn't I! With a card from HACHETTE'S, we were not long in finding it—even without a number or name to indicate it—for probably it is the only isolated studio in Paris built for the purpose—it must certainly be the largest. An artist who paints pictures thirty feet long and twenty-two feet high must have a studio of his own, and these are the dimensions of the last great work of DORE, which we saw on his easel (!) nearly or quite finished. The subject is Christ coming down from the Judgment Hall of Pilate—some twenty or more life-size figures fill the canvas. The competition for such a work must be somewhat limited, for what galleries less extensive than the Louvre can hold such a canvas? In the spacious studio, at this moment, there were also more than a dozen large pictures, all recently painted by this almost miraculous artist—(marvelous at least, so far as facility and amount of work is concerned)—including figure-pieces from DANTE and from the "Midsummer Night's Dream—ROSSINI in his bed after death, and two very beautiful forest scenes—all these being about six or eight feet high. One would think that DORE'S pencil drawings might have occupied any one man for a lifetime, but to see these enormous and elaborate works in oil, going on simultaneously, one's wonder grows in proportion to their square feet. But for the janitor's assurance that no one but the master himself touched the canvas, we might guess that a large part of the work was done by pupils. DORE himself is a surprise, for he is apparently, still on the sunny side of thirty-five. In feature he is not very unlike THOMAS NAST, whose pencil comes nearest on our side to that of the French prodigy. MR. DORE received us with that quiet and unpretending manner which marks the modesty of true merit; and though we avoid using minutes that must be money—and much money—to a man who can do such things as he does, yet he kindly explained the chief points in his recent works, in a simple and sensible fashion, and gave us the impression that he was a true son of genius. And yet even a novice may guess that his drawings are not all faultless.—*Putnam's Magazine, June.*

SAID PACHA OF EGYPT.—MOHAMMED SAID PACHA, third Viceroy of Egypt, one of the younger sons of MEHEMET ALI, succeeded to the throne in August, 1854, on the murder of ABBA PACHA, in which crime he had no agency; for any art of treachery or cruelty was alien to his bold, frank character. He was a man made rather in a Western than Eastern mould; imp

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Railroad Accidents.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, May 19, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a recent issue of your paper you did me the honor to notice a theory of mine with regard to the cause of the accident on the Long Island Railroad, by which the valuable lives of Mr. RUSHMORE and others were sacrificed.

My belief then and now is that this deplorable affair resulted from oscillation, and that compression is the remedy for all such. This opinion has been borne out by recent reports in your paper of later accidents. Take, for example, the one on the Erie, near Cuba station, where no loss of life occurred, and where, if the freight train had been also supplied with compression couplers, no damage would have been experienced by either train. This miraculous escape was imputed by all to the compression platform, and automatic couplers, with which all the passenger cars on the Erie Railway have been equipped. They say that had the old platforms and loose couplers been attached to the cars "telescoping" would have been inevitable, and a general smash-up the result. Mr. RIPDLE reports that loose couplers are the cause of *nine out of ten* railroad accidents, and this is, so far as I can see, the only satisfactory solution of the Long Island Railroad disaster; while the Angola massacre could not have occurred, but for the loose couplers, and the consequently increased oscillation.

Railroad travel would be robbed of nearly all its terrors, if well-known adequate appliances were used, as they at once ought to be.

As a further proof of my position, take the reports from the Chicago press of the railroad accident last week at Quincy, where two trains met, each running at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour! And yet we read that "*no passenger was so much hurt as scared, because the coaches on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy line are all provided with the Miller patent platform coupling*, which dispenses with all links, and allows consequently no slack, so that the whole train moves as one car." There can be no question but that this patent coupling saved a smash-up of cars, which would of necessity have endangered the lives of all the passengers. Two engines were never before so completely wrecked. They came together with such force as to cause heavy iron bolts to fly to distances over 100 yards, and yet the train itself was but little damaged, and only detained some four hours.

We are unfavorably reputed abroad because of the multiplicity of our railroad accidents. Let such a national scandal be wiped out by the immediate use of well-known remedial adjuncts. Let juries insist on exemplary damages where it can be proved that either the track or the rolling stock is not supplied with established and latest thoroughly-approved appliances. I well remember the late RICHARD COBDEN, M. P., telling me at the Athenæum Club that he thought it quite a marvel since he had not suffered from one railroad accident during nearly six months' continuous traveling over here; "and yet," added he, "I was all the time pained and shocked by hearing and reading of numbers which elsewhere happened in the States during my sojourn." For myself I have seen, and have in *propriâ personæ* been so often endangered, that I may perhaps be excused if I thus write at length, feelingly, with the hope that the errors of our railway system may be speedily abolished, so that we may excel all other nations in the safety, as far as we do already transcend them in the magnitude and facility of our wondrous railway traffic.

I am, most respectfully, yours, B. WOOD.

P. S.—My previous communication to your widely-circulated journal seems to have been much noticed. I have received several letters from railroad men and others, which come singularly *apropos*. The Superintendent of the Burlington Railroad writes: "We have been unfortunate in having a collision on a curve, between one of our passenger trains and an engine, neither looking for the other, causing an utter wreck of both engines, but not materially damaging the cars or injuring any of the passengers, thanks to the Miller platform. A few days ago there was a collision between two trains which met on the Hannibal and St. Joe line, with similar results. Their Superintendent attributes the comparative freedom from loss, to the platform, which we both regard as the best, safest, and most paying railroad improvement extant." A private gentleman says: "As I am, nowadays, a constant traveler, I am deeply interested in having every passenger coach, on every railroad in the United States provided with the compression coupling and platforms. Any company that continues without them, now that their merits are so well known, ought to be made to suffer heavily in damages."

The Case of the American Minister to Spain—His Introduction of Goods.

MADRID, Spain, Wednesday, May 5, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It has been stated in several of the United States journals that Hon. JOHN P. HALE, the American Minister at Madrid, has made improper use of the facilities which his diplomatic position afforded him, by introducing into Spain, for speculative purposes, merchandise subject to duty. The writer of this article, (who is well acquainted with the facts in the case,) asserts that this report is grossly incorrect, and is believed to have originated from an unreliable person, who has manufactured this story from the following facts: When Mr. HALE first came to Madrid (some four years ago) he authorised the importation of certain pieces of furniture required for his residence in that city. This importation was made for Mr. HALE by his Secretary of Legation, and was perfectly in accordance with the laws of the country, which grant to foreign Ministers permission to introduce into Spain articles for personal use, not exceeding $7,000 in value. The total cost of the furniture here alluded to (which are the only importations that Mr. HALE has ever made) was less than half the amount allowed by law, and considerably less than similar importations made by Mr. HALE's predecessors, as will be shown by the following memoranda, taken from the public records. Importations made by the several American Ministers into Spain, free of duties, under their diplomatic privileges:

Mr. Dodge, Minister from 1855 to 1859	$7,000 00
Mr. Preston, Minister from 1859 to 1861	4,324 00
Mr. Soulera, Minister in 1862 (five months)	976 00
Mr. Koerner, Minister from 1862 to 1866	6,233 00
Mr. Perry, Chargé from 1854 to 1855	6,170 00
Mr. Perry, Chargé from 1866 to 1868	
Mr. Hale, Minister from 1868 to 1869	3,290 00

A telegram from Madrid to the New-York *Tribune*, dated April 5, and probably emanating from the same irresponsible source, announces the startling intelligence that "the case of Mr. HALE, the United States Minister at Madrid, who is charged with smuggling goods for commerce into Spain, under his diplomatic privileges, continues to produce considerable excitement. *La Politica*, SERRANO's organ, declares that it knows facts relative to Mr. HALE's smuggling, which it describes as flagitious, and insists upon having the documents." To thoroughly appreciate the baseness of this slander, it is only necessary to state that General SERRANO, the head of the present Government in Spain, when the calumny was made known to him by Mr. HALE, voluntarily wrote and transmitted the following letter:

MADRID, April 27, 1869.

To His Excellency, Mr. Hale, Minister of the United States of America at Madrid:

MY DEAR SIR: (And of all my consideration.) I have to inform you, in reply to your note, that I have never had any kind of participation in the periodical to which the same refers, and with whose director I am only united by the bonds of friendship and the political relations which are natural among public men of similar ideas.

I ought equally to make known to you, that having spoken of this matter to the director of *La Politica*, he has said that he did not remember that his journal had occupied itself with that question in the way that the note indicates.

I have, then, the greatest pleasure in laying before you this statement; expressing my desire that you may preserve this letter, if upon any occasion it might be useful to you as an historical document.

I reiterate to you the assurances of my high consideration and distinguished friendship.

Your very obedient servant, &c.,

FRC. SERRANO.

"Anticipatory Use of the Cross."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to an article with the above caption in the DAILY TIMES of the 15th inst., criticising a paper treating of "The Introduction of Christianity in America," which was read by me before the New-York Historical Society at its last meeting. The writer says that "the principal if not the only argument used by Mr. DECOSTA was that the Spanish missionaries of the sixteenth century found the Cross used as a religious symbol in Mexico." This statement, however, is based upon an incorrect report in the daily Press. In the paper referred to I simply alluded, at the outset, to the fact that the Spanish missionaries inferred the prior introduction of Christianity, not from crosses alone, but from crosses of a peculiar make, together with sacerdotal vessels and ancient traditions. Of the value of the opinion in question I gave no opinion, simply remarking that the missionaries might be right or they might be wrong. Of course, every one acquainted with such matters understands how world-wide was the use of the cross, in some form, in early times.

As I do not wish to rest under this misrepresentation, I shall feel obliged if you can make it convenient to print this correction. I am, very truly, &c., A. F. DE COSTA.

STUYVESANT PARK, May 19.

Strange Expressions from a Judge.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to call your attention to one point in the action of Judge CARDOZO in the Pearsall-O'Connor *habeas corpus* case, to which you have not yet adverted. In your eminently just and pertinent editorial comments in to-day's TIMES you give as Judge CARDOZO's statement of what he had done, that he "was desirous of saving this child from an evil life, and he was satisfied that these two women had aided their sister in thwarting this purpose. He also learned that they were keeping a house of ill-fame. He thereupon exercised his power as a magistrate, and issued warrants, as he says, 'for their arrest to answer these criminal charges.'" Then you "assume that his action thus far was strictly legal," and say that, being only "held to answer," these women "were, according to the rule of law, held to be innocent, for they had not yet been proved guilty." It is also a rule of law that persons should not be even "held to answer" unless there be some evidence to substantiate the charges against them. Now, the principal charge against these women is that of having committed a contempt of Court. It is scarcely likely that, were it not for this alleged offence, Judge CARDOZO would have pursued the unusual and almost unprecedented course of assuming the powers of a criminal magistrate, and have committed these women for the other offence only—one more properly cognizable by a Police Court. And it seems that he had forborne to take such action until after the perpetration of the alleged contempt. Then what evidence is there that these women were in complicity with the mother of the child in taking it away? Judge CARDOZO in his statement says the evidence showed that the child had been taken to the house of these two women, her aunts, and was under the influence of her aunts and her mother. Then the guardian (grandmother of the child) and the mother took the child and fled from the jurisdiction of the Court, "assisted by means furnished, as I learn, for that purpose, by these women." There is no pretence that at the time of the commitment of these women there was any evidence before the Court that they had aided the mother in leaving, or that they furnished her money. Whatever information Judge CARDOZO possessed was communicated to him after the investigation had closed, and does does not purport to have been in the form of sworn evidence. Yet Judge CARDOZO committed these women, and because, after they had been incarcerated nearly a week, and a card of theirs denying having given any assistance in disobedience of the mandate of the Court, was published by some of the newspapers, and a respectable lawyer had fulfilled his sworn duty by applying for a writ of *habeas corpus* in the case, the judge excitedly exclaims that "those who choose to range themselves to support prostitutes in their wicked business may do so." He adds that "the legal rights of these people will be fully respected, but must not, because they happen to be prostitutes, be allowed to interfere with the regular business of the Court." What warrant is there, in the proceedings in this case, for such expressions from a Judge?

JUSTICE.

NEW-YORK, May 20, 1869.

Working-women's Protective Union.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Allow me to correct an error in the closing paragraph of the notice upon the Woman's Suffrage Association in the TIMES of 15th inst., in which you stated that a meeting of the Working-women's Union would be convened at Plimpton Buildings for the purpose of discussing "Why Marriages are on the Decrease." Doubtless the question is an interesting one for those who have leisure for similar discussions, but the Working-women's Union, located at No. 42 Bleecker-street, and now in the sixth year of its existence, is engaged in promoting the interest of women who obtain a livelihood by employments other than household service, and especially in providing them, free of expense, with legal protection from the frauds and impositions of unscrupulous employers. It also assists them in procuring occupation, and endeavors to open to them new departments of labor. The Working-women's Protective Union, whose officers are composed of Messrs. CHARLES P. DALY, JAMES W. GERARD, MOSES S. BEACH, JOHN D. WOLFE, Judge KIRKLAND and other esteemed citizens, does not desire to enter into any other field of labor than that in which it is now engaged. It claims that there are few institutions which accomplish greater and more substantial good in the community with less expenditure of means. Respectfully,

M. W. FERRER.

NEW-YORK, May 20.

The Coal Agitation—A Curious Justification of the Strike.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The public have been so misinformed with regard to the cause of the suspension now partially prevailing in the anthracite coal region, and the motives of the leading operators so misconstrued that I purpose to submit for your publication a brief synopsis of the history of the present agitation.

In consequence of an unusually mild winter, at the opening of the Spring trade less than the usual inclination to purchase was exhibited on the part of dealers, and, under the effect of heavy shipments, the market gradually drooped until the price at the port of New-York for prepared coal was $5 per ton. The aggregate cost of transportation from the shipping wharves in Schuylkill County varied from $3 60 to $3 85 per ton, and adding to this the 25 cents per ton, the commission usually accorded to the middle houses, we find the miners obtaining an average of $2 10 per ton at Port Carbon and Schuylkill Haven. With gold at 135, which is below the average quotation for the last month, we find the gold value of a ton to be about $1 55, a price substantially lower than the average one realized for ordinary grades of coal in any paying season before the war, and one which could not long obtain without breaking nine-tenths of all the colliery owners in the country, with corresponding detriment to all even indirectly connected with coal interests. Now the operators are thoroughly acquainted with the ruling prices of coal, and sympathize with every fluctuation, calculating to a nicety the profits of the employer, and modifying the demands for wages in a corresponding ratio. It did not require much sagacity in their leaders to perceive that this state of things could not continue without necessary reduction of wages. Let them accept the reduction and continue working, overstocking, and, I not further depressing the market, at least insuring it to remain depressed, and they were deciding to work at low wages all the season. Let them suspend for a period necessary to work off the surplus accumulation, to relieve and give tone to the market, if not to create an active demand, and they assured themselves of steady work at good wages for the balance of the year. With this in view the operatives in the Schuylkill and Lehigh regions suspended work, on the 10th inst., to be followed a day or two after by those in the Wyoming and Wilkesbarre coal-fields. That the colliery owners, as well as the coal shippers and large dealers, should be gratified at their decision is by no means surprising, simply because they have these instincts, incidental to humanity, which prompt them to wish their large interests protected, but in no sense can the suspension be said to be engineered and manœuvred by speculators or monopolists.

In consequence of the suspension, coal firmly and decidedly advanced, but not to an exorbitant price, or one out of proportion to the reasonable discounting of the probable effect of the movement. Indeed, I can confidently say that no judicious colliery owner or dealer, who has large interests in coal, wishes to see it advance to the fancy and speculative prices that have ruled in previous strikes, knowing well that the reaction, which is inevitable, more than balances the temporary and apparent advantage.

It was obvious enough that in the event of no suspension among the Scranton, Pittston and Lackawanna men, the operatives who had already suspended, while depriving themselves of wages, were throwing into the hands of the working regions all the advantages resulting from the curtailed supply, and submitting to witness a partial defeat of the very purpose for which they inaugurated the movement. It is as yet doubtful what success their endeavors to induce a total suspension in these latter districts will realize, but their number has been increased by the late suspension of many of the collieries supplying the Lackawanna and Scranton Companies. And we know that fully five-sixths of the operatives in the whole anthracite coal region are idle and may possibly be followed by the rest. At all events, the Schuylkill and Lehigh men will remain out until the second or third week in June. While the effect will not warrant extravagant figures for coal or your fortunes into the laps of particular individuals, it will be salutary to the whole trade and benefit if not save from actual disaster a large portion of the community.

J. W. A.

The Coal Strike—An Indignation Demanded.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to inquire through your widely-circulating journal, whether that large portion of the population of the Eastern States who depend upon the Pennsylvania mines for fuel, and who, by their representatives in Congress, have generously protected coal from foreign competition, are willing to submit to the selfish combinations by which its price is now arbitrarily controlled?

Americans are the most patient people upon the face of the earth. Gigantic and audacious schemes of private and public plunder, aided by corrupt Judges and bribed lawgivers, are regarded with apathy, I had almost said with complacency. But, when this sordid game is applied to a whole people, reaching every man's pocket and firestide, whether he be rich or poor, is it in human nature to submit to it; or shall it by a common and irresistible effort be put down? If in every city and town, where coal has become a prime necessity, public meetings be called to petition Congress to repeal the duties upon its import, this bold and extortionate conspiracy would speedily be put down.

L.

The Cost of a Through Ticket on the Pacific Railroad.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

NEW-YORK, Thursday, May 13, 1869.

SIR: The Pacific Railroad having been completed, those of us who have been waiting that event to make the railroad journey, feel interested in the cost of the trip. I find, on inquiry at the office of the Union Pacific Railroad, that they are selling through tickets to Sacramento for $190 35. This amount, exceeding general expectation—let us see how it is made up. From New-York to Omaha costs $83, leaving $148 35 as the sum paid the Pacific Road, the Union Pacific operating 1,086 miles to Promontory Point, and the Central Pacific, 690 miles, thence to Sacramento. The officers of the Union Pacific announce their readiness to arrange any tariff upon the basis of seven cents per mile. This, for 1,086 miles, amounts to $76 02, leaving $72 33 as the sum claimed by the Central Pacific for 690 miles, or an average of 10.4 cents per mile. It will be seen that the Central Pacific charges nearly one-half the whole amount for but little more than one-third the distance. If the latter Company would arrange their tickets upon the same basis as the Union, above-named—seven cents per mile—the saving upon each through ticket would be about $24. Will it not be worth while for the Congressional Investigating Committee, which is soon going out to inspect these roads and their management, to look into this matter? It is surely a matter of much public interest.

"All rail to the Pacific" will be costly enough at the best. To the railroad ticket must be added about $14 for sleeping-car, seven nights, about $20 for meals *en route*, and $5 from Sacramento to San Francisco. Don't make us, in addition to these expenses, pay $72 33, where, even at the enormous rate of seven cents a mile, we should pay but $42 35.

A CALIFORNIA TRAVELER.

The Intermittently Heat Race.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your editorial comments, where you refer to my letter of the 14th inst. upon this subject, there are two points which I should like corrected, not so much for my own gratification, but because they have a bearing upon the conditions that must be taken into consideration in estimating the probable results of the forthcoming contest. You indicate that I speak only of what rowing was at Oxford twenty years ago, and that since then the Oxford men have much improved in style. What I meant was that my own rowing days were twenty years ago. My acquaintance with Oxford has been sustained almost to the present. I was there, and witnessed the practice of the University eight last year, and I have no hesitation in saying that the style of rowing there now is not nearly as good as it used to be. I believe, too, that many Oxford men—as good and better judges than myself—are of the same opinion. Cambridge has retrograded still further. And it is this knowledge which strengthens my belief in the favorable character of Harvard's prospects.

R. L.

MONTPELIER, May 15, 1869.

The Number of Office-Seekers.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, May 20.

The rush for office yet continues, though greatly abated since the adjournment. The number of applications for office received at the different Departments is stated by officers charged with the duty of arranging and registering them, as follows:

Treasury Department	8,610
Department of the Interior	3,170
Post Office Department	17,000
Department of Justice	1,000
Navy Department	7,110
Department of Agriculture	350
Applications to six Departments	32,050

The officers in charge of these papers do not profess to be able in all instances to give the exact number; a portion of the letters not having yet been read, classified, or registered; but counting those already registered, and by then estimating the balances, they are enabled to get at very nearly the exact number, as stated. I am confident it is larger than here given. To the 32,050 received at the above-named six Departments must be added all personal applications, and written ones sent to some 300 members of Congress, but which have not been forwarded to either Department; also, applications set to the Assistant Quartermasters and Internal Revenue officers scattered throughout the Union. The number of these can only be estimated. A personal acquaintance with a majority of the Senators and Representatives enables me, however, to make an estimate that may be regarded as something better than a mere guess. It cannot be less than 80,000; which, added to the number received at the Departments, makes a total of 82,050. I have made no mention of the many nominations for office by President, as the greater portion of them have been forwarded to the Departments, and included in the above. Neither does the estimate include the applications at Custom-houses, Navy-yards, nor at the Military Academy. The Government is rapidly reducing its civil service force, which has been kept up to its war footing since 1865. Take, for example, the Second Auditor's Bureau of the Treasury Department. Previous to 1861, its whole force was only twenty-three clerks and messengers. This number was increased during the war to 331. A recent reduction leaves the present force to 200. It is believed by good judges, however, that a further reduction of 100 or more could be made without injury to the public service. In short, a large reduction of the force in all the departments of the Government being inevitable, office-seeking becomes reduced to a mere game of chance.

Carlyle on Napoleon I.

A French author, M. PIERRAT, has written a book on the campaign which concluded the Hundred Days, and which he calls *Le Drame de Waterloo*. He believes that he is the first Frenchman who has done justice to the English. M. PIERRAT sent a copy of the work to Mr. CARLYLE, and the Inverness *Courier* has been favored with a copy of Mr. CARLYLE's reply, which is as follows:

CHELSEA, London, Jan. 18, 1868.

DEAR SIR: I duly received your *Drame de Waterloo*, and have to return you my thanks for your kindness in thus making me acquainted with that high interest; it brings before me again with a strange vividness, and with a new precision and certainty of details, the last grand quarrel of a very great "drama," which I saw, as a young man, the very first to go, and in still more of it as a very young man. I recognize especially your love of accuracy and certainty, your great ability of research and studious patience in the service of a noble purpose. Your narrative rather than listening, and in result I can report to you my clear conviction, 1. That NAPOLEON's campaign ended in four days so tragically for him, by MARLBOROUGH's rough, ready, by the fact, which we have received evidence, that he was *Rebel*, sunk in somnolence, negligence, and not himself any more; 2. That in subsequent times he, with unexampled ability, and in the hands of his enemies, endeavored to lay the blame on others—GROUCHY, NEY, &c.—and has succeeded, as also was, been convicted of the and deceived, will have to pay the penalty of it in the world. In 1814 years, especially in the HUDSON LOWE time, I was greatly an admirer of the Great NAPOLEON; but I confess, for a long while back, the results, the consequences, characteristic, of his procedure and relation to the world, have been more and more apparent to me, and the greatness of him, even as a soldier, been lessened in my estimation. A great General, I still said: "Ah, yes! a very great General—a General of 30,000 a month! Or great equals, so Napoleon, my poor!" With many thanks and good wishes, I remain, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

T. CARLYLE.

VIRGINIA.

The New Constitution—The Clauses Objected to by the Conservatives—President Grant's Action.

From the Richmond Dispatch, May 19.

Our neighbors of the *Whig* and *Enquirer* have both referred to the course of General GRANT upon the question of the clauses to be voted upon separately. There is entire concurrence between them as to General GRANT's expressions upon the subject, and his agreement with the "Committee of Nine" even down to the very day that the Cabinet voted against allowing the "county organizations" clause to be submitted to a separate vote. And this is literally true. We are informed on good authority that General GRANT urged the Cabinet to place the county organizations among the separated articles, but the vote was four to three against him; the President and Messrs. RAWLINS and FISH for, and Messrs. BOUTWELL, CRESWELL, HOAR and COX against the separation. This proves the sincerity of the President to the very last.

How happened it that the Cabinet was against him? Why, through the agency of Governor WELLS. Even when the message asking for the President the authority of Congress to submit separately such parts of the Constitution as he might select, the Governor was beyond question on the hookout. The specious argument suggested was that among other things the county organizations provided for the election of a school Superintendent, and that to leave out the section would be fatal to the educational system. General GRANT is an earnest advocate of education, and this was an argument that at least caused him to pause. For he stated himself that in the first draft of the message to Congress on the subject he named the disfranchising clauses and the county organizations as proper to be submitted to a separate vote. This message was held back five days, and, indeed, all idea of sending it was abandoned upon the President learned that its introduction into Congress might create debate and prolong the session. But, at the instance of General FARNSWORTH, who, in the House, moved the resolution on the subject, the message was sent in. It was not, however, in the text of the original message. It was changed, and in some parts erased—among them that specifying what was proper to be left out; in lieu of which a more general phrase was inserted, leaving the whole matter to the President without naming any clause. The President was not asked why he had changed the message in this particular, but we may very easily conjecture. The Committee that waited upon him on Friday showed how easy it was to strike out the county organizations without affecting the question of education, and we doubt not the President acted upon their suggestions.

The whole matter, as the *Whig* suggests, turns upon the question of submitting the subject to the consideration of the Cabinet. Had the President decided it himself, his decision would have been just; but the reverse has been the decision of the Cabinet, behind which we see the Satanic leer of the Military Governor of this State. Whether right in consulting the Cabinet or not, the President thought it right. It was for him to decide.

A Movement for Peace in Mississippi.

The following call, signed by a number of leading citizens of Jefferson County, Miss., is published in the papers of that State:

To the people of Mississippi:

FAYETTE, Miss., April 27, 1869.

In order to secure a more perfect understanding of our mutual civil, political and personal rights, and through them a harmony and unity of action in the election soon to take place, to the end that our State and people once more enjoy peace, and assume fraternal relations with the General Government, it is earnestly desired that the people, regardless of past memories, pledges, or force, meet together in convention, at the State House, in Jackson, as soon as practicable after the President's proclamation, and determine on a united policy which shall be for the best interest of all.

There are differences to reconcile which can only be overcome by a fair, dispassionate and honest investigation, in which both parties—Republican and Conservative—must yield something.

The prosperity of our whole people demands this course, and now that political passion is cooled to a temperate state, let all true lovers of their State's interest and race meet together, and, discarding old issues and fire-brands—whether Democratic or Republican, white or colored—and uniting on a common platform of equal justice and equal rights to all men, march forward in solid column to the haven of peace and order, which can only be reached by united, earnest effort on the part of all men to do justice to all men.

The Solar Eclipse in August.

From the Springfield (Ill.) Journal, May 17.

Professor AUSTIN, of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, with a number of his assistants, is now in our city, for the purpose of establishing a new meridian line to be called the Springfield meridian. The Professor has found by observation that the line is 150 feet west of the centre of the new State House dome to be erected. One object for establishing the line is for the purpose of taking observations during the great solar eclipse, which will take place on the 7th day of August next. The eclipse will be total in this section of the State. The authorities at Washington will send a competent corps of observation, as this will be one of the most interesting eclipses that has occurred or may occur in the United States for many years.

The eclipse first begins on the earth at sunrise in the Pacific Ocean, east of Japan, in latitude 30° 19' 9" north; longitude 138° 37' 4" west of Washington. It becomes total first upon the earth, in Siberia, at sunrise, in latitude 52° 41' 9" north; longitude 163° 26' 4" west of Washington. The eclipse is total at noon in Alaska, latitude 61° 46' 9" north; longitude 68° 4' 6" west. The line of the total eclipse now runs southeasterly grazing the coast near Sitka, thence running north into British America, and entering the United States near the origin of Milk River, longitude 300 west; thence through the southwest corner of Minnesota, and diagonally through Iowa, crossing the Mississippi River at Burlington, Iowa; thence through Illinois, just north of Springfield, and crossing the Ohio River near Louisville, Ky.; thence through the southwest corner of West Virginia, and through North Carolina just south of Raleigh, and thence to Newbern, and entering the Atlantic just north of Beaufort, N. C., and ending at sunset in the ocean, in latitude 31° 15' 9", and longitude 9° 35' 0" east.

Along this line described above the eclipse will be total, and at all other places in the United States it will be partial.

The West Florida-Alabama Annexation Scheme.

From the Montgomery (Ala.) Journal, May 15.

We are able to announce the gratifying fact to the readers of the *State Journal* this evening that the Commissioners appointed by the Legislatures of the States of Florida and Alabama to treat concerning the annexation of West Florida to our domain, have agreed upon terms and settled the matter, so far as it lies within their power.

By the agreement the whole of the Counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson and Calhoun, in the said State of Florida, being the entire portion west of the Appalachicola River, is ceded and sold to the State of Alabama for and in consideration of the sum of $1,000,000 of Alabama State bonds, to be delivered when the cession and sale is completed and ratified according to law.

The portion of West Florida ceded to us comprises the cities of Pensacola and Appalachicola, and the trifling towns of Marianna, St. Joseph and Milton. It also embraces about one million and forty-nine thousand acres of public lands, all of which are destined to be valuable. The State of Florida, however, reserves enough out of the proceeds of these public lands to build a Court-house and jail where needed in each of the remaining counties of that State.

Before the cession or trade can be completed according to law, it is necessary that the Legislature of each State should ratify the contract, after which it is referred to the Congress of the United States for their selection or approval. If Congress approves the contract, then without further ceremony West Florida becomes a part of Alabama.

Death of an Aged Colored Woman.

From the New-Orleans Times, May 18.

We notice in our obituary column the death of a venerable colored woman, who was once attached to the WASHINGTON family. Her name was SUSAN JOHNSON, aged 75. She was the servant of our distinguished fellow-citizen, CHAS. M. CONRAD, former Secretary of War, and Senator of the United States, and constituted a portion of the property inherited by Mrs. CONRAD from the estate of her ancestress, who was a sister of GEORGE WASHINGTON, first President of the United States.

This venerable negress has always abided with the family of the descendants of her old mistress, and was greatly honored and revered by them. Though very young at the time, she had distinct recollections of the Great Father of his Country, and of the various members of the WASHINGTON family. The sons of Mr. CONRAD being the nearest blood relatives of that illustrious man, the old lady clung to them with an affectionate interest and devotion, which were as admirable as the respect and veneration with which these feelings of her part were returned by the gallant and accomplished young gentlemen, whom she looked up to as the sole representatives of the Washington stock and blood.

A SINGULAR AFFLICTION.—Within the past few weeks quite a number of our citizens have been afflicted with a singular disease, which, in some instances within our knowledge, affects whole families. A cold passes first to one eye and then to the other, closing the orb in some cases, and in others causing a weakness which has the appearance of the eye after a tearful period. This disease of the eye comes without warning and disappears very rapidly, and, though inconvenient, is neither dangerous or very painful. One family at the South, of most peaceful habits and quiet disposition, appeared at the breakfast table recently each with an eye indicating some hard hitting from the shoulder, and Wednesday a well-known gentleman of this city was seen walking up School-street with his handkerchief to his eye, who could not account for this sudden eclipse of his visual organ.—*Boston Journal, May 21.*

WESTERN RIVER LOSSES.

List of Steamers Blown Up, Burnt or Sunk Since September, 1867.

From the Cincinnati Commercial, May 17.

The great steamboat conflagration at our wharf, on Wednesday morning, starts afresh in the memory of all interested the large number of steamboat losses by fire and water. The following statistics, which have been carefully compiled, show too plainly the dangers to which our Western river steamboatmen expose themselves. The table is made up from records dating from the 30th day of September, 1867, to the present time. No wonder the river trade has fallen off so largely since the war, for the packets are rapidly disappearing, and the steamboatmen, as a general thing, cannot afford to expend their fortunes in building new vessels. The list given is not one-third of the whole number of disasters that have occurred during the space above referred to, but only gives the names of steamers that have been a total loss by explosions, burning and sinking. The total number destroyed by fire is 49; losses by sinking 10, and by explosion 14, making a list of 164 total losses of steamers. The total amount of tonnage is 34,719.78:

Steamers Burnt.

Steamer.	Tonnage.	Steamer.	Tonnage.
Uncle Ned	.....	J. P. Webb	245.20
Virginia No. 3	226.00	Lady	.....
Victoria No. 2	.....	Lily	225.70
Wild Hoosier	92.91	J. S. Cosgrove	177.51
Bridgeport	302.62	Jacob Sass	179.62
Big Horn	.....	Isabella	671.52
Cocoa	191.44	Helena	196.18
Cordelia Ann	182.70	Hamilton	152.70
Cuba	148.62	Glenfoe	61.68
Cuba No. 2	151.10	C. McCorter	.....
Curlew	284.95	Fort Smith	.....
Carrie	.....	F. W. Brooks	99.17
Champion	250.80	Ens No. 10	.....
Cheroke	361.70	Empire	229.10
De Soto	228.54	Elmira	252.13
Emerald	693.79	Gallatin	200.01
Emelie	.....	Gipsey No. 2	224.00
Florence Parker	.....	Grand Tower	274.75
General Quitman	.....	Gointon	206.06
Hope	.....	Centralia	423.63
Hester	.....	Banner	44.04
Home Logan	.....	Belfast	187.00
Home	60.57	Alps	188.08
Iron City	218.56	Amelia Poe	321.72
Irene	117.51	Arabian	306.15
J. Hyatt	.....	Belle Prairie	99.45
Leader	134.96	Alex. Chambers	187.42
Le Baron	.....	Amason	736.04
Mary Ann	317.54	A. G. Brown	194.09
M. Burton	.....	Idaho	364.81
Montana	466.81	Alice	342.44
Monsoon	.....	Crescent City	.....
Pioneer	.....	Fairy Queen	176.23
Princess	376.12	Ida	238.16
Red Buck	32.28	Cuba	201.49
Silver Cloud	.....	Alice	98.28
St. Nicholas	622.54	Ollie Sullivan	123.56
T. D. Horner	208.28	Nina Simmons	220.18
Tom Brierly	116.16	Tennessee	.....
Success	240.34	Nick Wall	.....
Silver Heels	.....	Gray Eagle	99.70
Belle List	242.00	J. N. McCullough	.....
Paragon	.....	Naugatuck	225.40
Petrolia No. 2	179.07	Peerless	206.45
Neosho	.....	R. M. Bishop	296.05
Tough Boy	230.88	Ingomar	.....
Missionary	.....	Ingomar	172.05
Mary H.	.....	New State	258.58
Kankakee	178.50	Amy Tate	258.40
Mate of the West	.....	Peoria City	591.00
Marietta	202.83	Lent Leotl	217.18

Steamers Burned.

Andrew Ackley	.....	United States	1,103.14
Ben McCulloch	142.23	Wm. Butler	221.84
Belle Darlington	251.42	River Queen (No. 2)	.....
Clara Dowdney	1,100.00	Lexington (former-ly Viceroy)	512.88
Colonel Ransom	.....	Millie Stephens	209.40
Southerner	.....	Crescent	1,267.15
Commodore	.....	Ben Johnson	195.54
Delaware	185.14	Henry Adkins	238.32
D. M. Sechler	194.18	Jennie Lewis	620.15
Ezra Porter	.....	Wm. Allen	286.14
Fannie Stock	.....	Carrie V. Kounts	.....
Goldfinch	206.22	Armenia	224.52
H. A. Homeyer	209.94	G. A. Thomson	298.57
Rasca	238.96	Ocean Wave	.....
Robert McDonald	249.07	Antelope	460.42
M. R. Mepham	701.00	Lizzie Hopkins	483.28
Milbrey	217.86	John D. Perry	.....
Minnow	.....	Clifton	248.34
Ocean Wave	220.37	Ida May	249.64
Potomac	251.42	Emma Graham	223.35
Pine Grove	275.76	May Erwin	306.04
Sherman	261.06	Cheyenne	475.00
St. Patrick	.....	Meteotte	435.35
Starlight, stern wheel	301.00	Wonderland	291.07
Starlight, side wh'l	260.00	America	1,256.75

Steamboat Explosions.

Belle Porter	.....	Quaker	.....
C. W. Dorrance	.....	Tegrue	265.61
D. D. Rogers	54.81	Tyrone tow-boat	65.29
Harry Dean	249.30	Glide No. 2	238.87
Jack Robinson	.....	Tribune	.....
Magnolia	315.52	Wyandotte	240.35
Nellie, tow-boat	.....	St. Elmo	.....

Total tonnage.....34,719.78

Consequences.

From the Hartford Courant, May 18.

A man from the country invested five cents in the purchase of an orange, and preparatory to getting himself outside of it, threw the peel on the sidewalk. Soon after a young woman came along, slipped on the peel, and fell upon the walk, breaking her leg. This young woman was to have been married the next day, but wasn't. The man who was to marry her had come from St. Paul, Minn., and was obliged to return on account of business, to await the recovery of the girl. On his way back he unfortunately took a train on the Erie Railroad, which ran off the track, and his shoulder blade was broken, forcing him to stop at Dunkirk for repairs. The Travelers' Insurance Company, in which he was insured, had to pay $250 in weekly installments before he recovered. On getting back to St. Paul, he found that his forced absence had upset a business arrangement which he had arranged in his favor, at a pecuniary loss to him of $5,000. Meantime the injured girl suffered a relapse, which so enfeebled her health that her marriage was delayed, which had a bad effect upon the young man, and he finally broke the engagement and married a widow in Minnesota with four small children. This so worried upon the mind of the girl that she is now in the insane hospital in Middletown. Her father, outraged by the conduct of the young man, brought a suit for breach of promise, and has just recovered $10,000.

Condition of the Southern Crops.

From the Savannah (Ga.) Republican, May 16.

A few weeks ago everything looked fair for the planters. The crops of all kinds were a little late, but had come up finely and were growing off to the satisfaction of the husbandmen. But the prospect is now less cheering. Unusual visitations of rains with consequent floods in many portions of the South, and the extraordinary cold spells, which were universal and continue up to the present time, have materially changed the aspect of affairs. The late frosts did no material damage except to the early corn, which soon recovered from the blow, and to the very small amount of cotton that had then made its way above the surface, an amount hardly worthy of being taken into the reckoning. The corn and wheat are still prospering, being hardy plants, but cotton is suffering universally. The high winds have blown it about and bruised it, and the cold has withered it, in many places reducing it far below a reasonable "stand," so that it has become necessary to replant either in cotton or corn, the latter being generally preferred. As an evidence of the extreme cold for this late season, we may mention that we have before us a paper from as far south as Palatka, Fla., which says the mercury stood indoors a week ago to-day at 55 degrees. This fact,

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Spanish Republican papers declare that the effect of the vote of the Cortes, in favor of the article of the Constitution declaring that "the Government of the Spanish nation is the Monarchy," will be only to defer the success of the scheme for a Federal Republic, and not to defeat it.

ISABELLA proposes to abdicate in favor of her son, the Prince of ASTURIAS.

The Spanish Minister for the Colonies has resigned.

A great meeting, at which, it is said, nearly two hundred thousand people were present, was held in Belfast, Ireland, yesterday, to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

The London papers continue the discussion of the *Alabama* Claims question and Mr. SUMNER's speech.

A dispatch from London says that the news of the rejection of the St. Thomas Treaty by the United States Senate causes "much irritation" at Copenhagen.

GENERAL.

The Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic having charge of the ceremonies of decorating the soldiers' graves in Buffalo on Sunday, the 30th inst., published yesterday correspondence between themselves and certain clergymen relative to a request to change the day for the ceremony. The Committee decline to comply with the request of the clergymen.

Dispatches received yesterday morning at Wheeling, West Va., announced the capture of the men who robbed the Harden Express Company's money clerk in Baltimore two or three days ago. The robbers were concealed in the woods near Swanton, Md. It is asserted that all the money and valuables were recovered.

"Irregularities" have recently been discovered in two of the Boston banks, which have led to the dismissal of a teller and a book-keeper. Neither institution lost by the operations.

An earthquake in the lower portion of Burke County, Georgia, is reported. It occurred on Thursday morning last, and moved from west to east. The shock, while it was not severe enough to do any great damage, was sufficiently severe to very seriously alarm the people; houses were rocked to and fro by the force of the convulsion, window shades rattled as in a gale of wind, and many panes of glass were shattered. The total duration of the shock is estimated to have been about ten seconds.

In our Washington dispatches it is announced that the public debt statement for May will show a decrease of seven millions.

A company has been organized to build a railroad from Euporia, Kansas, to Holden, Mo. This will put Southern Kansas in connection with St. Louis by a route a hundred and fifty miles shorter than the line connecting the same region with Chicago. From Euporia southwest, the contemplated road will pass through the Osage Indian lands to Albuquerque, New-Mexico. This line, it is said, will traverse some of the finest agricultural and grazing land on the continent.

Early yesterday morning the brick block opposite the Cumberland House, Plattsburg, N. Y., was destroyed by fire. It was principally occupied by HEYMAN BROTHERS, dry goods dealers. The loss on the building and goods is placed at about $20,000, and insurance $12,000.

Some of the Pennsylvania coal miners held a formal meeting at Scranton, Penn., yesterday, to consider the question of suspension. After discussion a vote was taken, and 509 voted for suspension and 408 against. This vote is considered decisive.

Two or three important resolutions were adopted at the final session of the Commercial Convention at Memphis. One of these requests Congress to put the telegraph system of the country under the control of the Postmaster-General; and another requests Congress to prohibit the building of any bridge on the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri less than four hundred feet span, or on the Ohio below Pittsburg less than three hundred feet span.

Ten thousand bushels of wheat in bulk, a part of a hundred thousand bushels shipment from St. Paul for Liverpool *via* New Orleans, arrived at St. Louis on Friday.

MARCUS STEINHEIM, HENRY STOLTZ and HENRY FREUND, suspected of being concerned in the assault on City Marshal LIPPMAN, whose death is supposed to have resulted from the injuries thus received, were yesterday released on bail.

In the case of CHARLES GALLAGHER, whose body was recently found in the water near Riker's Island, an inquest was held yesterday. There was no evidence that he had been murdered, as was at first supposed, and a verdict declaring that he came to his death by drowning was rendered.

The Old School Presbyterian General Assembly yesterday discussed the propriety of declaring total abstinence a Christian duty. Measures were taken looking to a speedy reunion with the other branch of the denomination.

The Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company has secured legislative authority to increase its capital stock $3,000,000 by the issue of new stock. It is stated that a million and a half will be expended in repairs, and over a million in taking up outstanding bonds.

The water in the Connecticut is still considerably higher than usual at this season of the year. It is stated that the freshets in all the New-England rivers that rise in the mountain districts have been of longer duration this Spring than for the past forty years.

Miss ANNA DICKINSON will deliver the inaugural address of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, at the Cooper Institute, on Friday evening next.

The Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends will hold a yearly series of meetings at their meeting-house on Stuyvesant-square, to-morrow, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, each session commencing at 10 and 4 o'clock. Yesterday a business meeting of ministers and elders took place. The Orthodox Friends will commence their yearly series of meetings on Wednesday morning at their meeting-house in Twentieth-street near Third-avenue, and continue them for a week.

Orders have been received at the New-Orleans Navy-yard directing that all the iron-clads be put in condition for immediate active service, and that the requisite number of men for that purpose be kept employed night and day. Great excitement regarding the order, and speculation as to the destination of the iron-clads, has been occasioned in consequence. There are rumors there of approaching difficulties with the Spanish authorities of Cuba.

The trial of LEONARD CHOATE, the alleged Newburyport (Mass.) "Fire-bug," has been postponed until the next October Term of the Superior Court, and will be held in Lawrence instead of Newburyport, the change being made on the ground that the influences in Newburyport are against the prisoner. His counsel are to make an argument to-morrow before the Court now sitting in Newburyport in favor of admitting CHOATE to bail.

Vice-President COLFAX was in Springfield, Ill., on Thursday. He was met at the depot by a committee of prominent gentlemen, including the State officers. A salute of thirty-seven guns was fired. He was escorted from the depot by the Springfield Zouaves and the Emmett Guards to the residence of C. M. SMITH, a brother-in-law of the late President LINCOLN. Soon after, in company with the committee, he visited the tomb of LINCOLN, and in the afternoon he was formally received in the House of Representatives, Hon. J. C. CONKLING making the reception speech, to which Mr. COLFAX replied. In the evening he gave a reception.

The week just opened is anniversary week in Boston. The regular anniversary meetings of the Unitarians and Universalists, and some of the Evangelical denominations, will be held, and also meetings of the Labor Reform League, the New-England Woman's Suffrage Association, the New-England Anti-Slavery Society, the Free Religionists, and the New-England Woman's Club.

At a recent auction sale in Augusta, Ga., $275,000 in Confederate States bonds sold for $0 25 the lot; $800,000 of Confederate currency for $13 the lot, and $2,300,000 in seven-thirty Confederate bonds for $21 the lot.

There are in Boston nine working women's organizations: Order of Justice, Sisters' Union, Working-People's Industrial Order, C. S. M. Unity, Working-People's Order of Liberty, Women's Homestead League, Order of Equality and Justice, Boston Working women's League, New-England Working women's League.

Governor HOFFMAN has appointed the following Commissioners to locate the proposed new State Prison: JOSEPH WARREN, of Erie; ROBERT EARL, of Herkimer; CHAS. H. WINFIELD, of Orange; GAYLORD B. HUBBELL, of Westchester; THEODORE W. DWIGHT, of New-York.

A locomotive on the Burlington County (Penn.) Railroad exploded on Friday, in Mount Holly, N. J., killing CHAS. L. PLATT, fireman; mortally wounding Mr. GOSKIL, the engineer, and seriously wounding Mr. SAYLER, the conductor, and EDWARD JOYCE. The engine bounded from the track and fell into Rancocas Creek. The cars of the train, twenty-one in all, were much damaged.

On the 1st of May 15,000 people in California were booked for an overland trip by rail.

The Chicago policeman, named HENRY JANSEN, who, some time last Winter, fired three shots at a passing hackman, wounding him so severely in the arm that paralysis eventually followed, because he would not stop his team and submit to arrest for neglecting to show his carriage-lights, has just been tried and sentenced to one year in the county jail and $50 fine and costs. The Court ruled that a policeman is only justified in firing a pistol when his execution of a warrant for felony is resisted, or in protecting his own life.

Dr. RITTY, for many years a respected citizen of West Dayton, Ohio, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart on Friday evening. He had been for several days severely afflicted with neuralgia in the head, and the act was committed, it is thought, in a moment of temporary insanity. He was about 70 years of age. He was for many years a Methodist missionary, and was extensively known throughout the West.

One JOHN W. READ, residing near Lynchburg, Va., in a fit of passion, pounded his mother with a heavy stick a few nights ago, and injured her so severely that she died the next day. READ has been arrested and committed to jail to await his trial for murder at the August term of the County Court.

The New School Presbyterian General Assembly debated the question of a reduction of expenditures for mileage and for providing for representatives to corresponding religious bodies yesterday. It also passed a resolution declaring the proposed decorating of soldiers' graves on Sunday, a desecration of the Sabbath.

Early yesterday morning the residence of Mr. JAMES D. OGDEN, Cashier of the Second National Bank of Newark, No. 3 Washington-place, was entered by burglars and robbed of valuable articles to the amount of $1,000. Two Cashmere shawls, valued at $600 in gold, were stolen. No trace of the burglars.

A meeting of West Point graduates took place yesterday at the City College in Twenty-third-street, to form an association for social and fraternal purposes. Professor HORACE WEBSTER, President of the College, and formerly a graduate of the Military Academy, was in the chair. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and call the Association together when expedient.

An injunction has been granted preventing the Hoboken Horse Railroad Company from running their cars on the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad tracks.

Senator Sumner Satisfied.

Paradox though it may seem, the sweets of martyrdom, once tasted, appear to leave a craving for repetition. At all events, this is clearly true of *political* martyrdom, whose devotees are proverbially insatiable. Senator SUMNER has so long and successfully appeared in the *rôle* of political martyr, that he can hardly be blamed for feeling, without it, like a fish out of water. He was for many years a sort of living witness to the "barbarism of slavery," and a perpetual personified protest against it. But what is a poor martyr to do when slavery is dead? It then no longer needs an incarnated protest. Of old, Mr. SUMNER could enjoy to the full the hate and the rage of his Southern enemies, chuckle at being the target for their vituperation, and treasure up their spite. But, that satisfaction being now cut off, he is fain to seek it elsewhere.

And his search has been gratified. His late philippic against England not only brought down on him the indignation of the British Press, including all his late admirers, but it has supplied him again with those private tokens of esteem, anonymous letters, which he used to get from angry Southerners, but of which his stock has long run out. All this he seems to enjoy intensely. He hands to Press correspondents copies of these abusive letters, and tells them how he has been called "a mischief-making, ill-conditioned scoundrel" by one Englishman, and something worse by another. He holds frequent "interviews" with the Press writers, and they invariably report him to be "in the highest spirits." They tell us how he comments on "what the London Press say of him," and he evidently rolls each abusive threat or personal epithet as a sweet morsel under his tongue. He explains how these papers will soon work themselves into a frenzy against him, and he will be abused like a pickpocket, as in the good, old Kansas times—"why," he exclaims, "they will next represent me as the leader of the Fenians;" and altogether he is never tired of talking of his new place in the pillory of English opinion, and counting with delight every stone and unsavory egg that is flung at his head. The strange thing is that hitherto Mr. SUMNER has always been considered strongly English in feeling, and has been lionized in Great Britain. But what will you have? A man who has fed on high-seasoned meats becomes an epicure. Shall Senator SUMNER, after his late unstimulating diet of comparative obscurity, now, under the concentrated wrath of England, is thoroughly satisfied?

Woman's Rights.

The young ladies of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, South Hadley, Mass., have made a new and strong movement in behalf of the rights of their sex. A neighboring barn having been set on fire, "the young ladies turned out and did good service in extinguishing the flames, and saving the adjacent buildings." We are inclined to think this stroke a notable one. It is significant and suggestive. It gives one an impression that this is the right end with which to begin the woman's rights movements—*i. e.*, in *action*. If women desire all the rights and privileges of the citizen, they can go to work in no better way to get them than by quietly doing, as far as possible, all the duties of the citizen. Such meetings as those in Steinway Hall are very good in their way—but it is the *talking* way; and the eloquence of the sex was never questioned. The South Hadley ladies go to work differently. It has been often charged that women cannot be soldiers, and cannot be firemen. Very good—these ladies of the Seminary try to show they can be firemen. If women begin by discharging all the duties of citizens, as far as they can, they will perhaps "shame" mankind into giving them the ballot—a thing which, being now out of their grasp, they naturally exaggerate in importance. At all events we will warrant that there are more voters in South Hadley now who favor giving the right of suffrage, or any other political right which he wants, to woman, than there were before the burning of that barn.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

One of the measures of a high civilization is the capacity of men to come out of their own selfish interests, and to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. Each step in the advance of mankind sees some new direction in which "the enthusiasm of humanity" is applying itself. The crown of modern culture, and the grand result of Christianity, is the universal duty, now recognized, of the fortunate to help the unfortunate. Wherever civilization spreads, though indirectly it may bring many curses, it certainly spreads the sense of the obligation of the high to the low, of the wise to the ignorant, of the rich to the poor.

All Christian countries are being covered with genial institutions for the care of the defective, the unfortunate, the orphan, the young criminal and the outcast.

Numbers of men and women in every civilized nation cannot satisfy their consciences, unless they feel they have done or sacrificed something to relieve or cure the evils of their kind. But these are all duties or services rendered toward those who are of the same race, or at least of the same human family. They are indeed disinterested efforts, and reflect honor on the actors, but they all bring a reward in the gratitude they call forth, in the consciousness they arouse of sympathy with the misfortunes of a fellow-being, and with many, they are connected with the glorious results indicated by religion. They do, too, to a certain extent, call after them human honors and posthumous fame. They write the names of some at least of these benefactors high on the scroll which history preserves, and after ages love to cherish.

But what shall we say of the services of a benefactor, who leaves the comfort and repose of wealth and position, who spends day after day, and month after month, in weary efforts, who gives time and money and vital energy amid almost universal sneers and contempt—not for the blind, or the lame, or the poor, or the orphan of his own race—but to right the wrongs and defend the cause of the dumb animals—the silent brutes who do everything for man and get but little except abuse in return. This man pleads in the Courts, not for the rich who can repay him, or the poor who can applaud him, or the accused who can at least give him their gratitude. He stands there, while the vulgar abuse and the refined smile, to argue for creatures who never can know their benefactor, who have not even a look of dumb gratitude to offer in return, and who are as far beneath him as, we may suppose, our race were below their great Benefactor. He pleads for the faithful horse, over-tasked and abused by a brutal master; for the dog, when an unreasoning fear would destroy him; for the cattle, when the greed of gain tortures and poisons them, and, at the same time, poisons those who would consume them. Yes, he is truly an advocate for the just rights of one of the lowest orders of life—the turtle brought here for our tables.

There may, at first thought, a smile cross the face of most of our readers at such devotion from a man of fortune and ability to such poor, almost valueless brutes; but we question, if such matters ever come before the attention of higher spectators of earthly life, whether such thorough disinterested care of the despised order of animals seems so entirely ridiculous to them; and certainly all men and women of humane feelings will rejoice that at length a defender has arisen of the wrongs of what an American naturalist has called "the mutes."

The greatest benefactor to horses in our day was Mr. RAREY, and every one must have been struck with the great diminution in the streets of New-York, since his admirable instructions, of instances of brutal treatment of horses. But Mr. BERGH has carried out the reform both in the treatment of horses, cattle and other animals. A brutal carman who flogs a high-spirited horse as he might a mule, or a greedy waggoner who burdens his willing animal with loads which crush out his life, or the stolid drovers who treat their cattle as if they were made of iron and leather, or the butchers who show useless cruelty—all these know that an active, inappeasable defender of their dumb victims is at hand, and that they may be summarily hauled before a court by the agents of the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" and the result is that such cases of brutal neglect and cruelty are diminishing every day. The practical importance of such work to the welfare of the whole community is shown in the fact that the terrible plague in this country of the "Texas cattle disease" is believed now to be the result alone of the cruelty and neglect of the drovers, and that the same causes have been so destructive to the Western cattle as to raise the price of beef here nearly *fifty per cent*.

It is pleasant to know, from its recent reports, that the Society is by no means neglected by our benevolent citizens, having received last year $6,988, beside owning property to the amount of $14,229; and, including a prospective bequest of Mr. BERGH's, of $100,000, they have in prospect bequests to the amount of $400,000. We trust that their efforts will still be as liberally supported.

Social and Commercial Espionage.

It appears from the communication which we published yesterday on "private detectives," that the abuses of the prevalent system of social and commercial espionage cannot be exposed without offending the reliable detective agents of this City. The natural conclusion to be drawn from such a statement is that the abuses exposed must exist in the reliable agencies whose conductors hasten to take offence. We are not inclined to believe the conclusion wholly an unjust one; we have no doubt that, as we have stated, abuses have crept into the system through its extension; but our correspondents are mistaken in thinking that the exposure was either intended or calculated to injure the agencies in good standing. On the contrary, in alluding to the existing abuses, we simply pointed out the propriety on the part of bankers and merchants of employing only reliable agents, and the necessity on the part of the agents of employing only reliable men as "shadows" and "pipers." Not the injury of the agents, but the suppression of the abuses, was in the mind of our reporter.

Commercial and detective agencies are a necessary evil of our social and commercial condition. It is only a few years since the former was conducted by a single establishment of large means and a liberal patronage, which enabled its conductors to employ the best men in furnishing information of the credit and standing of merchants throughout the country. There are now several agencies of this kind in this City; great rivalry exists in the collection and sale of their peculiar information, and hence abuses of a serious character have crept into the system. For this reason merchants cannot be too particular in the selection of their sources of information as to the character and credit of their customers. It is only a few years since the detective system was solely a branch of the Police Department of the principal cities, and was conducted under Police regulations. Now there are scores of such agencies in this City and throughout the country, and any number of private detectives who seek information, not to order, but for sale or for black-mailing purposes. DICKENS has admirably portrayed the old style of model detective in Inspector Bucket in *Bleak House*; and WILKIE COLLINS has as strong a photograph of the detective whose existence we deplore in Captain Wragge in *No Name*. The extension of the old system to private agencies has led to abuses similar to those existing in the commercial agencies; and for this reason we advise commercial men to be most careful in the selection of their sources of information as to the character and credit of their clerks.

There are other abuses of the system which our reporter might have justly dilated upon. The private detective system has undoubtedly been of great advantage in the recovery of large amounts of stolen moneys; but frequent success has been attained by actual violation of the law. In more than half the numerous large bond-robbery cases which we have recorded in the course of the past five or six years, the money has been recovered through the agency of the private detectives, by compromises with the criminals. The detectives are undoubtedly responsible for innumerable instances of compounded felonies, and they have also largely engaged in the manufacture of evidence in divorce and other suits. But these are abuses which we see no practical means of abating by their exposure, and hence were not treated in our article. The abuses in the matter of "testing clerks," as exposed by us, may be corrected by the reliable agencies and the mercantile community, and in the hope that they would be we called attention to them.

Another War Prepared for South America.

The triangular continent to the south of us is ever ringing to the stroke of war. Now the blow falls on the easterly or Atlantic shore, where Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and the Argentine Republic make the coast noisy from the Amazon to the Plate; now it resounds on the western or Pacific shore, where Spain is usually in a broil with Chili, Bolivia, or Peru; now it sets up a discordant jangle from the northerly or Gulf shore, where there is always a clangor of war among the little "Republics;" and oftenest the confused clamor of war comes up from all three sides of the triangle at once.

Such being the case, it is clearly "coals to Newcastle" to project a new war of any sort upon South America, chronically in hostilities. Yet the last Chilian steamer arriving at Lima brings news that Bolivia is about declaring war against Peru. It is one of those mushroom wars which in that torrid climate spring up in a night. Nobody outside the Government knew, at last accounts, why Bolivia takes the step, or what her grievance is. Some say that Peru may have "infringed Bolivia's territory;" others that she has insulted her ships—but nobody knows what she has done. However, the cause of the war is of small account; enough that Bolivia has metaphorically been trailing her coat-tail, and Peru has stepped on it. And as Peru's normal state is that of war, and as the internal and the Cuban troubles of Spain have prevented the latter Power from continuing the war on the Pacific coast, Peru has been fretting with an impatience to which Bolivia's reported action is a great relief. Lima resounds with "threats and curses," Callao has been armed to the teeth and fortified with double batteries, "the Cholo women are in their element," rushing through the streets heating stones together, and shouting to their (as yet imaginary) foes to 'come on,' and nobody knows why. It is selfishly pleasant to find some nations in "America" more insane than we are; but it remains to be seen whether there will come of all this a bombardment, or a revolution, or only a South American hurricane of wind.

The West Florida Scheme.

West Florida, *i. e.*, all of the State west of the Appalachicola, (and comprising the Cities of Pensacola and Appalachicola,) is really, it should seem, to be annexed to Alabama. The Commissioners appointed by the two Legislatures have agreed on terms; the latter bodies will undoubtedly follow suit, and Congress cannot, probably, object to ratify the contract.

In that case we shall probably have a grand mania for "rectification of frontiers," as the French say. Every State will look to its geographical boundaries. The project for transferring the trans-Chesapeake counties of Maryland and Virginia to Delaware will be strongly pushed. Michigan and Wisconsin will almost certainly form a third State out of their northern regions. We may have three Texases instead of one. As for Florida, it is, undoubtedly, the best thing she can do, to yield this portion of her territory to Alabama; the remaining question is, would she not do well to cede *East* Florida, *i. e.*, all remaining east of the Appalachicola, to Georgia? Perhaps Georgia, just now is hardly in a settled political condition—but at least it is better off than Florida. On the other hand, it would be unpleasant, if not ruinous, to see the name of an old State like Florida (even though not one of the original thirteen) stricken from the roll of States. On the flag, it would not be a "stripe erased," but it would be a "star obscured." We may presume, however, that the State subdivision projects will stop short of this.

More Uses for Paper.

Of late years the part played by paper in the manufacture of household goods has been amazingly extended. We have had paper collars and cuffs, paper waistcoats and wash-bowls, paper pails and pipes—indeed, when it comes to paper race-boats, which are successfully rowed, and even "paper oil-cloths," as they are sometimes called, habitually trodden upon—what limits are there to this industry? But now Mr. PAVY's new process for paper-making promises to carry the uses of this substance far beyond anything hitherto looked for. He compounds it of several sorts of animal and vegetable substances hitherto not employed, and these being reduced to a pulp and bleached, the completed fabric is a sort of felt, or, as it is said, something much resembling what the Japanese use for handkerchiefs, and absolutely as wide in its application as the latter. It has pliancy, flexibility, strength; it can be sewed with the needle as easily and as tightly as any of the woven fabrics which it is designed to displace. Already they have made of it table-cloths, quilts, shoes, petticoats, (price, six pence,) and hundreds of similar articles known to domestic economy. The importance of the subject is this, that, should the new substance be popular, it would furnish a new branch of industry, and give new employment to thousands of people.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is a common practice on the part of some of the Judges of the Supreme Court to carry motions, unheard, from Chambers into Circuit or Special Term, for the purpose of maintaining control of matters throughout. This unfairness is a subject of general complaint, and has become so bad that it is a common saying, "Take your case into SMITH's Court, and engage JONES for your counsel, and you will be sure to win." The Bar dares not oppose or protest openly against such gross violations of the principles of law and justice. The late JAMES T. BRADY, with his immense influence, because he once incurred the personal ill-will of a certain Judge, could never thereafter gain a cause before him, and hence could not practice in his Court. More than a score of first-class lawyers have withdrawn from the Bar within a few months, rather than succumb to the infamous conditions often imposed. This may be the last straw on the back of our elective judiciary system.

The name of "Reddy, the Blacksmith" has appeared so offensive in the newspaper reports of Police matters in this City, that it has become a stench in the nostrils of all decent people. His latest act of ruffianism appears to have been perpetrated on Thursday evening, when, in the employ of the Tammany General Committee, he led his hosts of bullies and loafers into a Republican meeting in the Fourth Ward, which he succeeded in upsetting. For such services as this an unmitigated villain is allowed to escape the penalty for crimes deserving the severest punishment. Only a few weeks ago, he, with a gang of his associates, inveigled a man into a Fourth Ward cellar, kept by himself, and there robbed and threatened to kill a simple-minded countryman, and for that offence he was indicted. Will Judge BEDFORD, or Recorder HACKETT, or District-Attorney GARVIN, or somebody else, tell us why he has not been tried therefor? The Tammany Committee could enlighten us if they would.

A large number of the most eminent divines, as well as many prominent lay members, of the Episcopal Church in Illinois, have united in a vigorous "protest" against the ritualistic practices that are now creeping into the Church. A Convention for the consideration of the subject has been called, to meet in Chicago in June next. The language used by these "Protestants" is very strong and earnest, and it is evident that the Episcopal denomination must be greatly agitated with the discussion that will soon ensue.

Mrs. EDDY, at the Workingwoman's Association, made a very sensible suggestion the other evening—that the Society should confine itself more to the affairs of those it means to benefit. Many persons—men, especially, who should have more judgment—take the opportunity of the meeting to discuss theories of love and marriage, as if these were the chief matters of interest. Miss ANTHONY complained that the working women themselves do not care to come to these meetings—a fact partly accounted for by these absurd controversies. The Society should come directly to the condition and interests of those it professes to act for, and this seems to be the resolution of the managers also.

The French elections, after the fashion of most elections, are making a noise, and some of it has a certain tone of red Republicanism, which the Emperor is, no doubt, very glad to hear. The people at Blamon sang the Marseillaise, and in Puy-de-Dome they shouted for LEDRU ROLLIN and BARBES. If these things did not take place, the Government would be likely to invent them, in order to frighten the well-to-do middle-classes and the clergy, who cordially hate all such outbursts and uproars. NAPOLEON III. does not object to that noise of "the reds." It gratifies them, and does him no harm, but rather a service.

We have had one more triumph of common sense. Accused persons are now allowed to testify at their trials. The lawyers, it is said, don't like this, and they would naturally prefer the quips and quibbles, the shuffling and fencing style of the profession—working out the facts or slurring them over, by struggle and strategy. The prisoner's story must help the truth, since he usually knows a good deal about the matter, and, for the rest, has always a tendency to betray himself whenever he may be guilty. The principle has the grand merits of simplicity and directness; and it has its practice, too, in France and Germany, where they make no foolish pretence of hedging a criminal round with little juggleries of law.

Our English correspondent throws a little light on the case of the Mayor of Cork, who "woke one morning lately and found himself famous." He gives the good-natured opinion of Mr. MAGUIRE, M. P. for the same city, that "a late supper" and its natural effects—especially in that part of the United Kingdom—would rationally account for the speech of His Worship. Mr. O'SULLIVAN's own explanation, made in a subsequent frame of mind, should be handsomely allowed. He said he did not recollect using the reported words, and also said he would have turned the pistol away from the person of the royal Duke, while at the same time he respected FARRELL's motive. To be sure there is a certain jumble of ideas even in this explanation, made fresh and fasting, and it only shows what the real utterances must have been on that very festive occasion.

The British and Canadian telegraph-makers are about to follow the track of the old Norsemen, and lay down a line from England, by way of the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland, to Labrador and Montreal. The Canadian Parliamentary Committee having reported favorably on it, we suppose it will be one of the great facts in a few years; especially as the projectors would be for extending it westward with the proposed railroad, from the edge of Lake Superior to Vancouver's Bay. Mr. OGDEN, in his recent lecture, said that certain capitalists were thinking of beginning that great road, which would make the journey to Japan 800 miles shorter than that by the line lately finished, and also enable the Horse Guards in London to communicate in a few hours with the garrison of San Juan.

The British Government have lately announced to Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON that they will not release any more of the Fenian prisoners. If those already released had only kept quiet till their brethren got out, it would certainly have been better *for* the unfortunate victims who will now be compelled to suffer on account of the foolish demonstrations of the men who received the Queen's clemency.

The old FARRAGUT of Spain, Admiral TOPETE, declares in the Cortes that he is firmly opposed to the Bourbons—that is, to the Queen's Bourbons; but he is very much in favor of the Montpensiers—as Spanish, not as Bourbons. This seems to show that there are in the Cortes people who would, after all, accept a Bourbon, in a modified way. It is not likely that NAPOLEON III. is greatly displeased by these Montpensier demonstrations, much as he dislikes the Orleanists, since they may tend to weaken the anti-Bourbon sentiment of the revolutionists. After all, this Iberian difficulty may end in a compromise, under which ISABELLA will abdicate, and her son will become King of Spain.

That is a very curious case of law-casuistry—as set forth in the Indianapolis *Sentinel*—in which Mr. BERRY, having, as an informer, procured the conviction of Mr. THOMASON for putting false brands on tobacco, and claimed half of the fine of $15,000 imposed by the sentence, found himself baffled by the President's pardon. It was THOMASON's partner, not himself, who fixed the false brands; and Judge MCDONALD, of the United States District Court, decides against the claim. BERRY can't see it, and will, of course, appeal. As Sir ROGER DE COVERLY says, "A great deal may be said on both sides;" and no doubt the lawyers will be sure to say it. BERRY's case is a hard one; and all the harder that the public sentiment will be rather against him.

The people of Tompkins-square and that part of the City will make a good exchange from the pretence of a park, with its poor show of a pond, some scattered trees, patches of vegetation and dusty pathways, to a wide Campus Martius with an asphalt floor, affording a fine space for the children's amusements and the exercise of the City regiments. This is the sort of change needed here at the City Hall, to convert our cramped and cut-up little park into an open space, covered with asphalt, giving at each side a wider breadth to Broadway and Park-row, thoroughfares that are so greatly in want of it. A crowded and hurrying City does not care anything for the sentimentalism of trees and greenery in a place of business, and chiefly wants a free space for human locomotion and the air currents.

M. BEAULIEU, a French devotee of Peace, has published a somewhat startling list of warlike horrors, with some rather absurd deductions therefrom. During the fourteen years between 1853-66, one million and three-quarters of men found death in war; and the cost of destroying them was about ten thousand millions of dollars. These moneys "would pay for the construction of railways long enough to circle the globe, and at the very expensive rate of about $400,000 per mile; or would erect and endow nearly four hundred thousand schools, at $25,000 each," or would do anything else that we choose to calculate upon. It would build just as many rum holes as it would schools—more, in fact—and could do quite as much evil as it could do good. But what has that to do with war, or peace?

In the exhibition of the Royal Academy, London, this season, is a picture by Sir EDWIN LANDSEER, called "The Swannery," representing a grand and wild scene, where a troop of eagles, cruel and fierce, are sweeping down upon a nest of swans, striking with their sharp talons, rending with their beaks, and staining the tender white plumage of the swans with their own blood. But a "carping critic," while allowing the vigor and truthfulness of the picture, and admiring especially the cruel faces of the eagles, complains that the swans have no faces, no expression, only opened bills. Were this the work of any other artist so small a fault could not be felt. He says: "But Sir EDWIN LANDSEER himself has taught us, more than any other painter to look for expression in birds and beasts, as well as in men, and has found such fine faces in most animals that one feels a little disappointed when he devotes his marvelous powers to an animal that has no face at all." By this it would appear that there is so much "in a name" that it is dangerous to have one.

WASHINGTON.

Cuban Affairs—The Printers' Union and the Colored Applicant for Admission—Dissatisfaction of the Military Officers with the Indian Service—Reduction of the National Debt in May.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 22.

Admiral HOFF has not communicated with the Navy Department for some time past, and hence we are cut off from all trustworthy communication with Cuba. The State Department is in receipt of nothing new on the subject, and the agents of the revolutionary party here seem equally ignorant as to the actual condition of affairs in the island.

THE CASE OF THE COLORED PRINTER DOUGLASS.

A local paper publishes a long account of an interview with LEWIS H. DOUGLASS, the colored printer. DOUGLASS says that he did not apply for admission to the Typographical Union at Denver, where he last worked, but that he expressed a desire to the foreman of the paper on which he was employed, to be admitted. This man refused to present his application. The members of the Union say that a white man would be refused membership here under similar circumstances. DOUGLASS announces that he will remain in the Government Printing Office until he is compelled to leave, and the paper above alluded to says:

"We are satisfied from what we can learn that the printers here are not disposed, or any considerable number of them, to make any opposition to DOUGLASS on the ground of color, but are really anxious to give him the benefit of the most favorable construction of his case, so that they may avoid putting themselves in that attitude."

THE MILITARY OFFICERS AND THE INDIAN SERVICE.

Several of the military officers assigned in recent orders to duty as Indian Superintendents and Agents, are by no means pleased at the prospect of Indian service in civil capacities, and such of them as have influence at Court are endeavoring to obtain positions in some other department. No resignations, however, have been offered, and most of them will accept the situation, at least for the present.

THE BOSTON POST OFFICE.

Mr. MULLETT, Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, is making strenuous efforts to complete the preliminary arrangements for the building of the Boston Post Office, with a view of having the foundation stone laid during the coming Jubilee in that city.

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT TO WEST POINT.

It is announced that the President and Mrs. GRANT will leave here early in June for West Point, where they will pass several days during the annual examination, which commences on the 1st and terminates about the 17th. Master FRED. GRANT, eldest son of the President, it will be remembered, is a cadet at the Military Academy.

PERSONAL.

General W. H. H. TERRELL, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, arrived in Washington this morning, and was presented to the Postmaster-General by General JAS. A. EKIN. General TERRELL at once took the oath of office and entered upon his duties to-day.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, May 22.

THE DEBT STATEMENT.

The monthly statement of the public debt for May will show a decrease of $7,000,000.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The shipments of currency from the Treasury for the week ending to-day were as follows:

To national banks and others	$181,000
To Assistant Treasurer at New-York	100,000
To Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia	100,000
To Assistant Treasurer at Boston	50,000

There have been no receipts of fractional currency from the Printing Division.

Treasurer Spinner holds in trust for national bank circulation at this day	$842,907,800
And for public deposits	20,350,200
The amount of national bank currency issued during the week was	215,070
Total to date	818,052,131
Mutilated bills returned	14,007,502
Insolvent bank notes redeemed	1,069,878
Actual circulation at this date	299,985,755
Currency destroyed during the week	278,700

THE DEPOSITORY BANKS.

The reason for reducing the number of depositories is, there are too many of them; about 400 banks have been acting in that capacity. Only $13,000 are now on deposit in the banks of the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn combined, while yesterday securities to the amount of $2,000,000 were in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States. The Bank of Commerce, however, has just withdrawn $500,000 of such securities.

THE TEXAS ELECTION.

President GRANT to-day stated to Judge PASCAL, who called upon him in behalf of Governor PEASE, of Texas, that the time for holding the election in that State and in Mississippi would not be decided until after the election in Virginia. He thought the best time would be between the time of storing grains and the commencement of the cotton-packing season. Mr. PASCAL suggested that the first Monday in August had always been election day in Texas. The President said he should direct General REYNOLDS to proceed with the work of registration, and remarked that he had mentioned the first Monday in November to Major MOORE, but had immediately corrected himself by suggesting an earlier day. The President had been informed by gentlemen upon whom he had much reliance that the division in the Union Party would be healed, and he earnestly hoped such would be the case.

APPOINTMENTS.

H. G. SICKLES has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Pennsylvania.

The following have been appointed Postmasters:

James O. Leach, at Ballston, N. Y.; Samuel Henderson, at Santa Clara, Cal.; James E. Hoag, at Coxsackie, N. Y.; Adeline Livingston, at Greenville, Ala.; Frederick Ball, at Lagrange, Ga.; O. Z. Olin, at Waukesha, Wis.; George M. Howlett, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; T. M. Campbell, at Boonville, Mo.

The President has appointed SAMUEL B. RUGGLES, of New-York, delegate to the seventh session of the International Statistical Congress to be held at the Hague.

THE ARMY.

The President has accepted the resignations of Second Lieutenant William Kapes, of the Thirteenth Infantry; First Lieutenant W. L. Upham, Fourth Infantry; First Lieutenant and Captain, Brevet Major, B. T. Hutchins, Sixth Cavalry, Brevet Major J. A. Hearn and Lieutenant J. M. Kelly are assigned to duty as Indian Agents, and ordered to report to Commissioner Parker for instructions. Brevet Major-General W. H. Emory, Colonel of the Fifth Cavalry, is appointed Governor of the Soldiers' Home, near Washington, and ordered to report accordingly. The order relieving Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel George H. Higbee, Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Charles A.

THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

City Records and Announcements.

Burlesque and pantomime, pantomime and burlesque! Pantomime at the Olympic, at Wood's, at the Tammany; burlesque at Niblo's, at the Waverly, at the Theatre Comique. As a relief, at no distant day, pantomime at Wallack's. The task of the critic becomes lighter and lighter. It is impossible to deal seriously with pieces of either kind. A note of their success or of their failure—the latter will have to be written at no remote date—is all that can be made. If we except Wallack's, where "Caste" is to be continued; Booth's, where "Othello" is represented, and the Grand Opera House, where "Patrie" is to be produced, there is positively no place of amusement where two hours of rational enjoyment are offered by good plays or good players. Pantomime, we may observe, was again the novelty last week. "Hickory Dickory Dock" succeeded "Humpty Dumpty" at the Olympic. Its first representation was stormy, its second smoother, its third perfect. Now that many objectionable features have been eliminated, it is likely to attain a green old age. A score of rehearsals are certainly not equal in effect to one performance, however ruffled the latter by mishaps, or unsatisfactory as regards the final impression. This has been discovered, not only at the Olympic, but at Wood's, where a careful revision has wrought a wondrous improvement in "Robinson Crusoe." In a few days, indeed, the difference between the infancy of both pieces and their maturity will be so great as to warrant lengthened comment. Meantime there is no change in their success. Ere their merits are again dwelt upon, however, the new extravaganza at Niblo's will claim attention. Its deferred production suggests a postponement of those preliminary touches of its quality than are always looked for by manager and reader. The first representation of "Sinbad," though, is not to be the most notable event of the period compassed by this review and the retrospective glance of the coming Sunday. "Patrie" is to be enacted at the Grand Opera House to-morrow evening. There can be little doubt as to the genuineness of the interest that will be awakened by its representations. These will bring before local playgoers the drama of which all intellectual Europe has thought and spoken and written for many months. To say that no outlay of time or money has been spared to give the work with all possible completeness, is simple justice. The cost is a strong one, the scenery is fresh and superb, the costumes are brilliant and historically correct. A positive victory or a great defeat can be confidently anticipated. Those who have the real interests of the stage at heart will wish for the former, and will seek to aid in securing it. We can remind them that no other entertainment of moment will call for their attendance elsewhere. At all other places of amusement—save at the Tammany, where Mr. LEFFINGWELL will make his first appearance in the burlesque of "Clorinda"—the programmes will be unaltered. The audience at the Grand Opera to-morrow, for the sake of art, ought to be remarkable both in respect of intelligence and of numbers.

The Drama at Home.

The following letter from M. SARDOU, to which Mr. MOTLEY has replied in courteous acceptance of the compliment it tenders, will be read with interest: "DEAR SIR: My friend who goes to the United States to have my drama 'Patrie' produced will make known to you my sentiments of admiration and gratitude. I studied much in my youth the history of the sixteenth century, and particularly that of the religious wars, and can thus appreciate the great merit of your superb 'History of the Netherlands.' I should be very ungrateful, sir, did I not seek the occasion to tell you how much I owe to the study of that work, which never left my desk while I was writing the drama, which I hope, sir, may seem to you not unworthy of the grandeur of the subject or of the professor who presided over my labor. I take the liberty of begging that you will accept the dedication of my drama of 'Patrie' when the work is published. I shall be proud to place your name on the title-page before my own, thus associating you with a production that owes you so much. Pray accept, sir, with the renewed expression of my admiration, that of my sincere respect."

MR. JOSEPH TAYLOR, of California, has organized a minstrel troupe composed of the best artists, and will depart on a European tour on May 29, by steamship *France*. The company consists of Messrs. Taylor, Archy Hughes, Billy Sheppard, Wm. S. Mallaby, Geo. Guy, Jack Hilton, Percival, Abbott and the brothers Geo. and Willie Guy. The troupe will be known as Smith & Taylor's New-York Minstrels.

The Poughkeepsie *Press*, referring to the report that Mr. FORRESTER is negotiating for the Waverley Theatre, New-York City, says that they have good authority for saying that Mr. SAM SHARPLEY, the minstrel manager, has secured that place of amusement.

Signor BRIGNOLI, with a concert troupe, is traveling through the States. The advance notice of his entertainments, and also the comments upon them, as printed in the country journals, are positively amusing. The *Daily Express*, of Terre Haute, Ind., has heard of the tenor before, for it says editorially: "There is an impression or rather a fear, on the minds of some of our people, who know BRIGNOLI and how capricious he is at times, that he may not appear at Music Hall in the concert on Saturday evening. We have every confidence in stating there need be no fears in this instance. The present troupe is in the employ and under charge of Signor BRIGNOLI, and the arrangement with Messrs. ALLEN & ANDREWS is that he is to appear as per programme, else the contract to be void." Oh! the golden chains with which genius is fettered!

Mr. GEORGE HOOD, for many years connected with places of amusement in Philadelphia, died May 17, of typhoid fever after a short sickness. He was a native of Philadelphia, and during his business career has been connected with the Walnut-street Theatre, Musical Fund Hall, Concert Hall, and for some years past with the Academy of Music as treasurer and business manager. He was in the 57th year of his age.

Mr. CRAVEN's new piece, called "Billiards," just produced at Selwyn's Theatre in Boston is reviewed in the *Daily Advertiser* of that city. "If one very funny part, irresistibly acted, can render a play successful," we are told, "'Billiards,' which had its first performance at Selwyn's, will make a hit. For all the interest of the new piece, and nearly all its cleverness, centre in one *Samuel Sample*, who finds a most complete representative in Mr. STUART ROBSON. And the story of 'Billiards' is simply concerned with the adventures of this harum-scarum personage, who, taking by accident the place of his steady and virtuous brother *Stephen*, in the house of a rich contractor, plays the part of a bull in a china shop there, and nearly ruins the prospects of the exemplary *Stephen*. The character of *Samuel Sample* is not a new one in dramatic literature, but it is safe to say that the conception has seldom, if ever, been carried to a more extravagant pitch, or taken on a more unique shape than in the person of this remarkable man. *Mr. Samuel Sample* is a *monsieur sujet*, in every conceivable sense of those words. This person falls like a bombshell into the quiet home of *Mr. Lessel*, an honest and apoplectic contractor; he scandalizes his host by his manners and conversation, makes violent love to *Mr. Lessel's* susceptible widow sister, patronizes the pretty daughter of his entertainer, and calls her "Joe" as short for *Josiane*, and kisses the pretty waiting-maid before the face and eyes of her husband, the butler. Half tipsy on champagne, he is finally turned out of the house in disgrace, and it is with great difficulty that his deserving and modest brother explains the mistake, and puts matters on a right footing."

The receipts of the Boston theatres for the month of April were as follows: Selwyn's, $24,911; Museum, $14,110; Howard Athenæum, $16,061; Opera House, $9,665; Olympic, $7,022; Comique, $2,823. The receipts of the Boston Theatre, during March, were $30,609.

While in Detroit, on May 18, PFAU, the accomplished trapeze performer with the HANLONS, met with an accident that will disable him for several weeks. While practicing in Young Men's Hall, he missed his footing upon the slack rope that extended through the centre of the hall, fell upon the seats underneath, spraining his ankle very badly.

Miss KATE REYNOLDS played last week at De Bar's Opera House, St. Louis.

The Charleston *News* says that the Gran German Opera Troupe, which failed to appear three as announced, and which was decidedly shaky in Savannah, fell to pieces hopelessly in Augusta. The principal artists of the company gave a concert, in *forma pauperis*, in the last-named city, in order to defray the expenses of the impoverished singers to their homes. The sympathies of the Augustans must have been excited, for the concert, rather unexpectedly, proved a great pecuniary success.

W. C. RALSTON, a San Francisco banker, has become the principal owner in the New California Theatre, in company with H. P. WAKELEE and CHARLES PETERS. He has purchased the lease of the theatre, with all its engagements, for five years, at $30,000, and $60,000 per year and one-third of the profits are to be paid to BARRETT and MCCULLOUGH, who have been engaged as managers. It is one of the modern innovations for bankers to become theatrical managers. But the world moves.

Miss MARRIOTT was last week at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, Canada.

The Drama Abroad.

OCTAVE FEUILLET'S NEW PLAY.

The latest Parisian play is referred to at some length by a correspondent of a London paper. He says he does not often touch on matters theatrical, but the piece just produced by OCTAVE FEUILLET, at the Français, has made such a stir that it is impossible not to notice it. It is called "Julie," after the heroine, and is devoted to an apology and excuse of rank adultery. Immoral pieces are no novelties on the stage, but the French stage under the Second Empire has enjoyed the unenviable monopoly of pampering to vice by its vaudevilles, and varnishing it over and making it attractive by its dramas. The piece of M. FEUILLET belongs to the latter category. A minute analysis of the play is simply impossible? It will be sufficient to state, in guarded words, what it is about. *Julie* is married to a husband who is fonder of his rubber at the club, and of the suppers of a fashionable *coccotte*, than of the prosy *pot-au-feu* life which is his wife's ideal. In short, he neglects his wife. In the course of a picnic, at which a friend of his is present, a thunderstorm comes on. *Julie* and the friend seek refuge in a solitary barn. Under the influence of the electricity of the atmosphere, the author gives us to understand, the wife forgets her duties, and the husband's friend forgets the husband. Remorse comes, and the mental tortures of the guilty pair are depicted with that sort of morbid sentimentality which makes M. FEUILLET one of the most immoral writers of the age. A further and most offensive complication is introduced: *Julie* has a grown-up daughter, who falls in love with her mother's lover, and through this child's instrumentality (this grown-up girl is invested with all that prurient but unconscious treading on dangerous ground characteristic of all French stage innocents) the husband gets wind of his wife's intrigue. He reproaches his wife with her crime; she admits it, but retorts with a *tu quoque*, telling him he has only himself to blame. The lover walks in at this crisis; the wife falls senseless; the lover rushes toward her; bends over her prostrate form; "I shall kill you," shouts the husband; the lover rises and replies, "She is dead;" whereon the curtain falls. This is the piece which the Paris public are going into fits about. It is admirably acted; Mme. FAVART as the guilty wife is very powerful—but it is a bad, unwholesome piece for all that, and affords another proof of the degeneracy of the French drama under the Second Empire. What a mockery it is to think that the people who go into fits about this coarse Divorce Court drama object to SCRIBE as improper and MUSSET as immoral! "Sylvistrata" is not a moral play; neither are some of FORD's and DECKER's; but there is a moral purpose in them—the purpose in M. FEUILLET is essentially immoral. The writer was much struck on leaving the house at hearing a lady remark, "This death is very unlikely—*mourir pour si peu de chose.*" This, though unconscious, was sound criticism. [Had *Julie* sacrificed her life as an atonement for her fault, *pas encore*; but that she should suddenly "die from natural causes," as a Coroner's jury would say, on seeing her lover confront her husband, after a long course of adultery, is a *dénouement* as improbable as the piece itself is untrue as a picture of French social life—that social life of France whereof men know so little in England, where they are apt to consider the Boulevards and a flash Parisian set as a microcosmic representation of France, little dreaming that thrift, home virtues and conjugal fidelity are held in high honor there, and are possibly more practiced than they are (he says) with the English.

CURIOUS REVIVALS.

Two curious dramatic revivals have taken place in Paris, "Lucrèce," of PONSARD, at the Odéon, and "La Bataille de Toulouse," or an "Amour Espagnol," of M. MERY, at the Menus Plaisirs. PONSARD's tragedy is a very respectable piece, which had the singular fortune of raising its author, then an unknown country lawyer, into eminence. It was written as an attempt to revive the old and so-called classical school of tragedy, which had given way before the romantic school under the brilliant leadership of VICTOR HUGO. Its success on its first production at the Odéon on the 22d of April, 1843, was tremendous, the failure of M. HUGO's "Les Burgraves" at the Comédie helping to augment it. Parisian society was for a while divided into two factions known as Hugolatres and Ponsardistes. The drama was crowned by the Académie, and M. PONSARD, on his return to his native city, (Vienne, district of Isère,) received the honors usually reserved for a successful soldier. This triumph, however, which raised a man of very mediocre talents into the position of the successful antagonist of the greatest dramatist of his day, recalling thus the celebrated feud between RACINE and PRADON, was not without its drawbacks. Among the followers of the romantic school were the cleverest men in young France, and the author of "Lucrèce" had to submit to much stinging epigram. The title generally bestowed upon him was that of "*Chef de l'école du bon sens.*" M. MERY's drama, which at its first production fell still-born, has been revived because a lending idea in it is supposed to have been plagiarized by M. SARDOU in his "Patrie." The resemblance of motive in the two plays is not great, but there is undoubtedly a certain amount of likeness in the closing situation of both.

PERSONAL.

Hon. JNO. WORTH, United States Consul at the Sandwich Islands, arrived here yesterday morning, direct from Honolulu in 22 days, and is at present in Brooklyn.

The oldest graduate of Williams College is the venerable Judge OLIVER B. MORRIS, of Springfield, Mass., who was a member of the Class of 1805.

Lieutenant-Governor WOODFORD, of New-York, has been chosen Fourth of July orator for Newark by the Common Council of that city.

Mrs. HARRIET BALCH MACOMB, widow of the late ALEXANDER MACOMB, formerly General-in-Chief of the United States Army, died at her residence in Washington, last night, in the 86th year of her age, after a protracted illness.

List of Americans registered at the banking office of Messrs. JAS. W. TUCKER & Co., Nos. 2 and 4 Rue Scribe, Paris, for the week ending May 6, 1869: Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hurlburt, A. P. Grant, Mary B. Grant, Josie L. Grant, Lizzie P. Grant, New-York; Joseph Cross, M.D., New-Jersey; Mrs. Sidney Willard, Andrew Fiske, Boston; Rev. L. Thompson, New-Jersey; Rev. James Marshall, A. R. Eno, Mrs. and Miss Eno, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mattison, Miss Mattison, New-York; W. T. Worden and wife, Auburn, N. Y.; Miss H. S. Wager, New-York; Mrs. Jos. Myer, Misses Lovejoy, Boston; Miss S. Merson, Mrs. W. P. Tufts and son, E. L. Tufts, New-York; Jas. C. Wilson, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Miss Eliza K. Wilson, Miss Louisa E. Kumbel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Smith Ely, Jr., New-York; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Weld, Boston; John Bevan, Baltimore; Robert T. Swan, Alex. Pope, Jr., Boston; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bacon, Mrs. J. Phillips Phoenix, New-York; F. B. Mayer, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. James B. Mackenzie, Miss Adrienne Webster, W. J. Bunker and family, New-York; Miss Hosmer, Boston; Albert Crane, R. F. Crane, New-York; J. S. Lombard, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hitchcock, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Stout, Dr. and Mrs. A. Edgar Purdy, Miss Stout, G. L. Whittaker, New-York; Mrs. A. H. Fiske, Mrs. Jos. Willard, Frank Morrison, Boston; P. B. Burlock, Mrs. Burlock, New-York; Mrs. Thos. Payne, Miss Payne, Thos. E. Payne, W. E. Payne, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Plummer and family, Mrs. L. M. Thomas, Miss Helen A. Johnson, C. W. Blanchard, Sewall H. Fessenden, S. G. Rogers, Mrs. Susan H. Dee, Miss K. G. Richards, Boston; Wm. H. Rollins, Portsmouth; Emlen Hutchinson, Philadelphia; Wm. Homer, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wharton Smith, Philadelphia; Oscar G. Sawyer, New-York; Mrs. James E. Mills, Wm. E. Williams, Boston.

BOSTON.

John Neal's Recollections—A Delightful Autobiography—New Books in Press—The Mumler Photographs—Mrs. Lincoln's Pictures.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Thursday, May 20, 1869.

The first article in the December number of the *Atlantic Monthly* for 1866, was entitled "JOHN PIERPONT," and was written by a lifelong friend and associate of that sturdy reformer—JOHN NEAL. The article in question was delightfully gossipy, and even if its matter related quite as much to the author's life and character as to that of his newly-buried friend, it was none the less readable and entertaining. Not long afterward it was hinted that Mr. NEAL intended to write an autobiography, and as long ago as last November, I announced in the columns of the TIMES that the book would be called *Wandering Recollections of a Somewhat Busy Life*—a title decided upon and written sometime before Mr. GREELEY's letters were announced in the *Ledger*. The book is now nearly ready for publication, and the reading of the first one hundred and fifty pages strengthens the opinion suggested by the tribute to JOHN PIERPONT, that it will prove to be one of the most interesting and valuable contributions to the literary and social history of the early part of the present century that has recently been written.

The *Recollections* naturally begin with some account of the writer's family and early life, than which nothing could be more entertaining. A date is "run in" to the first line of each chapter, and its proper subject is prefixed by a few lines relating to the author's business pursuits, his studies, the weather, or to any matter which may have engaged his attention at the time. In one of these notes we learn, what will certainly be news to many, that the great fire at Portland was not caused by fire-crackers or lucifer matches, carelessly thrown among some rubbish, but by the cinders from a locomotive; and in a great many instances the progress of building operations, the plans to procure the necessary capital, and other kindred topics, furnish the material for these jottings. One of the most amusing chapters is entitled "Quarrelsome or Not?" and is, or is intended to be, a refutation of the commonly received idea that JOHN NEAL is the reverse of peaceable in his disposition, and is always quarreling with his friends, from pure love of fighting. I say "intended to be," for, although Mr. NEAL disclaims the ownership of a bellicose disposition, his own stories go to show that, for a Quaker youth at least, he was extremely willing to enter into a fight after it was once begun; and he acknowledges to having been in hot water all his life, and to have always had, until the past few years, a dozen serious quarrels on his hands. His accounts of schoolboy fights, and of the rows in which he bore a prominent part during his first visit to London, are very amusing, and give no little insight into the character of the man. To most of the present generation the following paragraph will read rather strangely:

"Soon after my arrival in England, I took lessons of RICHMOND, the black, who fought with TOM CRIBB, and given him a prodigious reputation. He was a powerful, clumsy hitter, but far from being a neat sparrer. Then of ELLIS, the quickest man in England; and of ELLAND, a cooper's hand with the gloves, but of no account in the ring. I was now in my 20th year, vigorous, well proportioned, five feet eight and a half, and weighed, stripped, one hundred and 147 pounds. Having sparred with many a prize-fighter of the day, and interchanged hard knocks with RICHMOND, ELLAND and others, to my entire satisfaction, I withdrew to Leamington, where, while reading for my magazine, gave myself up to gymnastics—the small-sword, sabre, cut and thrust, horsemanship and the cavalry exercise at Knightsbridge barracks; after which followed two or three adventures, worth mentioning perhaps."

These adventures relate to encounters with London roughs in theatre pits, and gave the young American fine opportunities for the display of these accomplishments taught by the worthies named in the above extract. He closes this chapter by remarking that his last pugnacious performance occurred three years ago—when he was seventy years old—in which he knocked a stout Irishman down his office stairs in payment of some insult.

The chapter on "Self Education" is instructive as well as interesting, and shows something of the remarkable energy of the man in mastering scientific subjects and the languages. The following puts a well-worn idea into vigorous English:

"The best-educated man is, after all, more self-educated than he is anything else. What we do for ourselves in the way of education, no human being can do for us. And the simple fact that the self-educated make a boast of it, shows that they think themselves entitled to a greater share of credit than those who have done without help, and that therefore help is an advantage, the help of others, even in their estimation. To brag that you have made your way without the help of a college education, is to brag that that is an admission that a collegiate course has its advantages! And so it has. But look at the disadvantages. You grow to a mould; you adopt the opinions of your teachers almost always; and, if you should live, you know where a man has been educated, you know what his views and opinions are upon a great variety of subjects—in theology, in philosophy, in language, and sometimes in politics and religion."

Here is an incident that many a man can match from his own experience:

"The first book I ever read, after the Bible, was the *Arabian Nights*, and though I was utterly carried away by it, as I well remember, I have never looked into it since. Yet all the incidents are fresh in my memory, and I can tell them to children as I read. They tell the story in this way, and it seems to me now that I remember the particulars myself. My mother wanted to go somewhere, taking my sister Rachel with her. She was a day, but what on earth should be done with her boy? I was just of an age—not over eight or nine at the most—to be very troublesome, if I allowed to have my own way, and still more so if I gave it. 'Leave him with me,' said Mrs. Thankful Bagley, a very pleasant, kind-hearted woman, who lived below. If the mother consented, I should be glad, and Mrs. Bagley brought me the *Arabian Nights* to read. I took it with me up in the garret; and when my mother returned toward nightfall, and asked for me, Mrs. Bagley was obliged to own up, she had not set eyes upon me since morning. I had not come to dinner, and nobody knew where to look for me. My poor mother began to feel uneasy; but when the book was mentioned, knowing my insatiable appetite for all sorts of strange, out-of-the-way reading, she went straightway up to the little garret-window, where I spent most of my time in fair weather, and there she found me behind a trunk, so deeply engaged in the book before me, that I had not even heard her step, nor the voices below; nor had I eaten a mouthful during the long day."

Mr. NEAL's experiences in a Portland store are extremely characteristic of the primitive Yankee trader's method and morals, and the narrator's part in many dubious transactions is described with charming frankness and freedom. He details all the tricks by which housekeepers were cheated in the buying of teas, linen and other cloths, and owns that he found it a "good joke to cheat, both in price and measure, and to pass counterfeit money upon the poor and helpless." But if he is ready to confess his sins and scold himself for their commission, he is also willing to praise himself when occasion offers. He describes his first speech as being delivered with "such *good emphasis and discretion*, that, although it was my 'first appearance on any stage,' it was well received, and went far to commit me for life upon the question of temperance." And on more than one page his generous treatment of himself is amusingly noticeable.

On his first visit to Boston he saw two men whom he thus describes: Mr. SARGENT was the "Old Sexton" who wrote the well-remembered articles in the Boston *Transcript*, and who died at ten recore hardly two years ago:

"One was a hatter, who seemed to enjoy being stared at, as he paraded the broad avenue all day long, to and fro, with the air of a Prince, the 'monarch of all he surveyed.'—another Prince of Wales, at least, if I might judge by the countenances I saw, and the observations I heard; the other, LUCIUS MANLIUS SARGENT, then in the meridian of his manly beauty and great strength; and both rigged out in stocking, and pantaloons and half boots, displaying their handsome legs to the greatest possible advantage, as poor THADDEUS did his, in Hyde Park, if we may believe Miss FOWTER. Probably the style and carriage of these two remarkable men were adopted from her representation of the Polish hero."

Several interesting stories and bits of description, cut from the advance sheets of this delightful book, still lie before me, but they would, if printed, make this letter unreasonably long. The most important part of the autobiography is yet to come, and on the whole, the early chapters, in so far as space is concerned at least, have full justice done them.

OTHER BOOKS IN PRESS.

John Neal's Recollections is to be published by Messrs. ROBERTS BROTHERS & Co., who have also in press the *Life of Madame Lafayette*, by her daughter, Mme. LASTEYRIE. This book will form one of the series of "Exemplary Women," and if the verdict of the English reviews is a just one, it will prove a valuable addition to the numbers already published. Mr. ARTHUR HELPS, the author of *Friends in Council* and *Realmah*, is publishing in the *Good Words* magazine a series of papers under the title of "Short Essays and Aphorisms." These will soon be published by the ROBERTS BROTHERS, together with several other books of a less popular character.

THE MUMLER PHOTOGRAPHS.

I saw a few days ago some of the first spirit-photographs, so-called, ever taken by MUMLER, the artist who has recently figured so extensively in your court records. They were mainly interesting from their subjects, the persons represented on the cards being Mrs. ABRAHAM LINCOLN and COLORADO JEWETT. The former came here incognito soon after MUMLER discovered his wonderful powers, and the spirit which appears in the photograph was said by her to be that of her brother, Captain TODD, then thought to have been killed, but, rather unfortunately for MUMLER's art, he afterward appeared alive and in the flesh. The gentleman who now holds the picture got it from MUMLER, and prevailed upon him not to sell any copies for public exhibition, out of regard for President LINCOLN, who was at that time on the eve of a reflection to his office. The spirits in COLORADO JEWETT's pictures are those of BONAPARTE, HENRY CLAY, WEBSTER and CALHOUN, and were taken just previous to that gentleman's departure for Niagara to join Mr. GREELEY. The *spirit* of CLAY was taken from a bust now in the City. OAKHAM.

PERU.

The Yellow Fever—Death of the American Consul at Callao—Rumors of War with Bolivia—The Cause of the Anticipated Strife—Sketch of General Montara.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LIMA, Peru, S. A., Thursday, April 22, 1869.

That most fatal scourge, the yellow fever, still holds its sway in Callao, some forty-seven having died the past month in Callao and Lima. It has just numbered among its last victims our esteemed American Consul for Callao, Mr. JAMES H. MCCOLLEY, formerly of Philadelphia. Mr. MCCOLLEY took the fever Monday morning, April 12, and, although attended by the most eminent physicians in Lima, he succumbed to the disease on the 8th day, Saturday, April 17, at 3 o'clock. The sad occurrence was immediately telegraphed to Callao, (as Mr. MCCOLLEY and family had taken a temporary residence in Lima since the earthquakes,) and the sad event became at once the main topic of conversation. Mr. MCCOLLEY's family have been doubly afflicted by this terrible plague, having buried a promising little granddaughter scarce a year ago, daughter of the Vice-Consul, who married the only daughter of Mr. MCCOLLEY. The expressions of sympathy for the bereaved family have been heartfelt and universal. On Sunday morning, at 7 o'clock, the sad procession left Lima for the foreign burial ground at Bella Vista. All Callao joined in respect and sympathy with the family, for Mr. MCCOLLEY, loyal, honest and esteemed, enjoyed great public respect. The flags were half-masted on the buildings and on the men-of-war lying in the bay. The muffled band, the different fire companies and American societies, all wearing the usual badge of mourning, accompanied the procession to the grave. And it is creditable to record that not only did all the American residents and associations and the men-of-war officers attend the funeral, but all the leading citizens—English, German, Irish and Scotch—united in paying a last tribute to the dead.

A great excitement is rife over the news received by steamer from Chili, that Bolivia was about declaring war against Peru. So, we are on the eve of another revolution; and as Peru is never satisfied unless she is involved in some kind of a broil, we hear nothing now but threats and curses from the Peruvians, who are anxious that the Bolivians shall begin their contemplated attack upon Callao. The Peruvians are commencing operations, doubling the forces upon the batteries and fortifications, while the Cholo women are in their element, rushing through the streets beating stones together, and shouting to their (as yet) imaginary foes to "come on." The indications of another bombardment and revolution such as that of Jan. 6 are very promising. The foreigners must then betake themselves to the ships lying in Callao Bay while the contest goes on. I have not heard as yet any one name the special day of attack, nor does any one know the special reason of the enmity of Bolivia. Some say concerning the latter subject that it is the result of an infringement of land territory claimed by Bolivia, and used as mining territory by Peru, and from which she derives an immense revenue; others again assert that the trouble is caused by the interference with Bolivian ships at the islands. But, be the case as it may, it needs only one fiery word to set Peru against the whole world. Great excitement was aroused in Callao on the morning of April 20, by the detention of the steamer *Pacific*, from Valparaiso, by the Peruvian authorities. No passengers were permitted to land, nor was any communication allowed with those on shore while the steamer was ordered down to the "Point," and hardly in sight from Callao. Rumors spread like wildfire over this singular occurrence. By some persons it was asserted that there were some Bolivian Generals on board in disguise, and that in consequence the steamer was to be prevented from landing her enemies. But the correct reason was, that a man having died on board just as the steamer was nearing Callao, the health authorities forbade the landing of passengers or crew, believing this man to have died of yellow fever brought up from the coast, where it rages with uncontrollable fury. The truth of the matter is, that the man died from excessive hard drinking, having *mania à potu*, and the authorities were more nice than wise, for the fever had already been in the ships in the bay, and on shore for many weeks past. The steamer of this morning brings the further intelligence that the intended war is to be begun (and has been solely concocted) by General MONTARA. He himself conducts the whole affair, and is hourly expected to arrive with an army of 20,000 men. This General MONTARA will be remembered as the General who was so successful in the attack upon PRADO at Arequipe. He was then fighting on the side of Peru and against the revolutionists, and was the right-hand man of General CANEROO. *Now*, jealous of the prosperity of Peru, and of the popularity of President BALTA, and being also by birth a Bolivian, he proceeds to Bolivia, to incite the people there to unite with him in putting BALTA out of office. He is ambitious to be President himself. He is a very brave, fearless man, a splendid fighter and commands in person, and if he be permitted to land an army here, Peru will have great trouble to vanquish him. Many people affirm this last news to be only rumor, and that MONTARA could neither raise so large an army in Bolivia, nor would he attempt such an attack upon BALTA, knowing well that his own head would pay the forfeit. But these are always so many defeated and disappointed candidates for office here, that they are already hostile to any President before his election even. General MONTARA received the greatest number of votes for Vice-President next to CANEROO, which fact probably led him to this act of rebellion. Callao, it seems, will be the first point of attack, but there will be heavy work done at Lima before MONTARA gains a foothold. E. Y. Z.

The Board of Police Commissioners.

The Police Commissioners held another meeting yesterday morning, when after the transaction of considerable routine business, the Board took up the case of Officer WM. CONROY, of the Broadway Squad, who has recently achieved an unenviable notoriety in his persecutions of a young woman in the streets, and his subsequent ill-usage of her champion. The officer is now on trial at the General Sessions for assault. The Commissioners decided their part of his case yesterday by peremptorily dismissing him from the force he had dishonored. The Commissioners also decided to instruct the Board of Surgeons that in future they must arrange matters that a surgeon is on duty at the Central Office both night and day, in order to be on hand to depend in any call or emergency. Heretofore the day tour has been omitted. This concluded the day's proceedings, and the Board adjourned.

INTERNAL REVENUE RETURNS.

List of Taxable Incomes, Seventh Collection District, New-York, of $5,000 and Upward.

Adams, Aaron	$10,265	Lord, Geo. W. T.	$94,824
Abert, John H.	11,020	McCahill, John	5,075
Allen, Jerry W.	5,018	McColgan, John	15,581
Alsop, Wm.	6,000	McCollum, John	6,767
Argell, Thomas M.	16,420	McMenomy, John R. (Executor,)	8,856
Armstrong, A. G.	7,841	Mills, Henry B.	10,405
Bartholomew, Eliakim	54,207	Mitchell, James	9,849
Billinger, Henry	12,944	Matlind, Jas.	5,000
Bogardus, James	7,814	Marietta, L.	12,264
Boswell, D.	6,021	Mayer, Alex.	16,272
Bonne, Richd H. S.	8,140	Mead, Edwin	6,241
Bonne, Wm.	7,210	Metzger, Charles	7,355
Brinkerhoff, C. O.	9,044	Miller, Geo. J.	5,125
Bunce, James	7,238	Miller, John W.	7,602
Burnham, Hiram, (Tr.)	8,715	Mills, Ard.	5,625
Burnham, Jas. S. S.	5,746	Mitchell, C. O.	11,800
Burr, H. A. S.	20,045	Mitchell, John W.	5,930
Cauldwell, Geo.	8,220	Moore, F. W. O.	8,000
Carle, Jr., Jas.	5,147	Moody, Wm. S.	5,625
Carnley, Robert	8,400	McMullen, D.	5,793
Chaffee, E. J.	5,802	Nash, Warren J.	10,065
Chanler, R. P. Jr.	7,023	Nones, Jos. S.	8,000
Chittenden, H. H.	5,000	Nheman, H. W.	5,737
Clark, Geo.	8,000	Ottemann, Philip	5,211
Clark, Wm. H.	14,073	Palmer, Walter	5,647
Clark, Wm. E., (Executor)	12,280	Pell, Alfred	10,242
Cole, B. G.	10,860	Phyfe, E. D.	8,184
Collins, Charles	6,400	Pulsamin, H. A.	9,250
Crumble, James	6,022	Prey, E. H.	7,620
Dent, Lucius, (Executrix)	12,880	Quackenboss, M. M.	
Denning, Hiram, (Administrator)	24,898	Ransom, A. P. (Ex'r.)	7,328
Dodin, M. P.	6,914	Ray, F. A.	20,241
Durkee, E.	6,800	Rothschild, M.	6,787
Everitt, C. W.	12,455	Russell, Isaac D.	14,460
Furrie, J. A.	8,115	Rutherford, L. M.	15,188
Floyd, E. W.	18,327	Sanford, Chas. F.	21,625
Folsom, Geo.	65,219	Schoppert, John	9,240
Garvey, A. J.	8,154	Schiff, Jacob H.	8,000
Gelmenhaimer, F. W.	7,816	Sculle, Jackson S.	20,501
Gelsenhaimer, Mary	8,327	Sellers, F. G.	11,207
Gilbert, John A.	6,700	Simmons, A.	6,010
Giles, John S.	8,084	Sinclair, Jos.	8,020
Gilman, Chas. (Executor)	5,084	Stanton, Finley J.	5,676
Gaitchins, J. M.	7,040	Smith, Stephen	6,710
Gregory, James	5,140	Smith, Wesley	6,279
Grant, Michael C.	6,970	Steiner, David	7,792
Gucker, Henry	6,808	Stewart, J. M.	5,710
Halloweil, M. F.	6,718	Stickney, Chas. L.	5,000
Helshaw, P. S.	24,025	Stuyvesant, Helen	8,820
Hancock, Chas.	25,000	Suckiers, Reuben	12,420
Haydock, Robert	8,258	Tadman, Benj.	42,712
Hills, Jos. S.	8,066	Taylor, Thos. M.	18,413
Halsey, H. W.	24,000	Thorburn, J. M.	24,044
Hunter, Jacob F.	8,000	Todd, Thos. W.	8,140
Hunter, James	24,131	Tuel, G. C.	17,388
Hyde, Edwin	8,514	Underhill, Wm.	8,570
Ingraham, B. F.	5,820	Varian, J. M., Sr.	8,667
Ingraham, Samuel H.	5,000	Varian, J. M., Jr.	5,000
Jacobus, John	7,401	Vermilye, Jos.	8,018
Jaffray, E. S.	22,500	Voorhis, W. W. L.	8,000
Jaffray, W. F.	8,140	Walden, Philip	9,900
Jaffray, A. E.	8,400	Warren, Geo.	8,120
Juhe, Thos. S.	8,288	Wallach, Antony	8,084
Kerr, James S.	5,001	Ward, Chas. H.	67,423
Keteine, E.	38,004	Ward, M.	7,120
Kohne, R., (Trustee)	25,680	Weeks, Jacob	65,200
Kirchies, Fred	8,800	White, Geo. E.	5,020
Knobel, Henry	7,607	White, Thos. R.	6,143
Koch, John S.	5,000	Whitney, Chas. A.	7,144
Lake, Geo. G.	37,773	Whitney, Benj. R.	21,718
Leow, Chas. E.	8,984	Wight, Neziah	15,628
Leow, R. N.	5,482	Wright, Chas.	5,000
Lester, J. W.	14,831	Youngs, Henry D.	11,748

Income Returns in the Fourth District Over $5,000.

Ahrens, C. H. F.	$17,554	Kettenrg, Philip	$8,217
Allen, J. F.	8,521	Kitel, Jas.	12,075
Auffmordt, C. A.	20,622	Kutler, G.	70,177
Atwell, John	5,622	Lydig, P. M.	14,447
Bach, Alfred W.	12,183	Lothenthal, L. (Estate of)	6,198
Barr, W. R.	13,710	Laurin, Ferd.	10,826
Bostiner, John C.	7,077	Marsh, Samuel	5,044
Brinckerhoff, Wm.	7,956	Martin, Jas. C.	7,420
Brinks, Peter	27,000	Mosmann, G.	5,000
Brinckerhoff, D. D.	7,943	Monnes, E. C.	5,400
Brennan, M. T.	11,120	Noe, James H.	7,644
Brennan, Timothy	5,228	Orth, Wm.	6,700
Boyd, Jas.	8,500	Pentz, Cyrus	9,125
Chatteller, J. P.	12,628	Passavant, H.	14,144
Chalmers, Thomas	6,019	Person, A.	17,865
Comes, Elizabeth	10,000	Pearce, Geo.	10,10
Donald, Rob.	6,000	Rosenfeld, H. K.	14,018
Dayanzo, J. F.	8,770	Ronalds, F. A.	12,872
Delmonico, S.	10,400	Ronalds, G. L.	9,367
DuBois, G. C.	7,140	Ronalds, P. L.	12,037
Dolan, Henry	6,780	Roche, Walter	5,064
Dix, Morgan	12,840	Riets, John	10,258
Duparquet, L.	5,802	Stewart, Alex.	27,352

MONETARY AFFAIRS

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MAY 22, 1869.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$6,000 U. S. 6s, '81, c.	122½	20 Pac. Mail, sm. c.	42½
Reg.		20 Rome, C. & Ogd.	90
1,500 U. S. 6s, '81, c.	122½	25 Del., L. & West.	128
small	122½	Wells, Fargo Ex.	59
14,000 U. S. 5-20 C.	117½	do.	59½
6s	117½	200 N. Y. Cen.	122½
20,000 do.	117½	do.	122½
5,000 do.	117½	do.	122½
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C.	117½	100 Hudson R.	102
32,000 U. S. 5-20 C.	118½	do.	102½
do.	118½	do.	102½
1,000 do.	118½	do.	102½
14,000 U. S. 5-20 C.		do.	102½
6s, new	120½	200 Harlem	151½
20,000 do.	120½	do.	151½
20,000 do.	120½	do.	151½
105,000 U. S. 5-20 C.		100 Reading	97½
6s, new	120½	do.	97½
20,000 do.	120½	do.	97½
20,000 do.	120½	100 Mich. Southern	102½
3,000 U. S. 5-20 C.		do.	102½
6s, new	120½	100 Clev. & Pitts.	91
7,000 U. S. 10-40,		10 C., C., Cin. & I. R.	74½
c.	109½	100 Chic. & N. W.	91½
5,000 Tenn. 6s, N. Ex.		do.	91½
1,000 do.	63½	1200 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	104½
10,000 Tenn. 6s, n.	63½	do.	104
5,000 do.	63½	do.	104½
10,000 do.	63½	do.	104½
5,000 do.	63½	do.	104½
2,000 N. C. 6s, new.	54½	17 Lake Shore R.	106
20,000 do.	54½	do.	106½
1,000 Mo. 6s, c.	86½	100 do.	106½
10,000 do.	86	do. bet. call	106½
10,000 La. 6s, L. Bds.	69	400 Chi. & I. R.	72½
8,000 do. c.	69½	100 Mil. & St. P.	76½
1,000 Erie 2d M., '70.	82½	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	
2,000 Erie 4th M.	90	bo	88½
4,000 Mich So. & N. I. R.	86½	100 do.	88
1,000 Alton & T. H. M. Pf.	40	200 do.	88½
4,000 Chi. & N. W. int.	88	200 do.	88½
1,000 Del., L. & W. 2d	90½	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	156½
10,000 C., R. I. & P. 7s	90½	100 do.	156½
10,000 Mor. & Ess. int. M	100	200 do.	156½
11,000 Tol. & W. 2d M.	82	1800 do.	156
4,000 P., Ft. W. & C. 1st	105½	100 do.	155½
10,000 P., Ft. W. & C. 2d M.	93½	200 do. b10	156
1,000 M. & St. P. 7 p. ct. con.	94	200 do.	156½
1,000 Col. C. & Ind. C. 2d M.	80	200 Ohio & Miss.	32½
3,000 Lake S. Div. R.	90½	200 do.	32½
7,500 do.	90	100 Chic. & Alton. b60	139
10 Amer. Ex. Bank.	115	100 do.	139½
28 St. Nich. Bank.	116	200 do.	139
80 Bk. of Commerce.	127	40 Mor. & Ess.	90½
4 Fourth Nat. Bk.	105½	do., bet. call	90½
5 Bk. St. of N. Y.	111	100 Mor. & Essex Pf.	93
20 Cont. Nat. Bank.	115	200 C. C. & Ind. C.	47½
400 Cum. Coal Pf.	30	200 do. b60	48
200 Mariposa Pf.	49	50 Nor. & Wor.	104½
100 Boston W. P.	17	50 do.	105
100 do.	16½		

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$4,000 Tenn. 6, 6 s c.	60	50 New-York Cen.	122½
77,000 Tenn. 6s, n.	66½	400 do.	122½
5,000 Ga. 6s.	85	300 do.	122½
1,000 Mo. 6s.	86	100 do.	122½
7,000 Missouri 6s, H. & St. Jo.	82	100 Harlem	151½
1,000 La. 6s, Lev. R.	68½	200 Reading	97½
1,000 N. Car. 6s.	40	do.	98½
1,000 do.	40	500 do.	98½
100 Cumberland Coal	30½	100 Mich. So.	102½
400 do.	30	100 Chic. & Alton	138½
100 Marp. M. Co.	22½	400 Clev. & Pitts.	91
100 do. b60	21	100 do.	91½
150 Mariposa Pref.	49½	300 do.	91½
200 do.	49½	200 Chi. & N. W.	91½
200 do.	49½	400 Chi. & R. I.	122½
200 do., bet. call	49½	100 Mil. & St. P.	76½
200 Pacific Mail	41½	100 Mil. & St. P. Pf.	88½
200 do.	41½	300 N. J. Cen.	116
100 Canton, bet. call	63	200 P., Ft. W. & C.	155½
100 Quick. Min. Co., bet. call	20½	400 do.	156½
15 Amer. M. U. Ex.	40½	1500 Ohio & Miss.	32½
20 do.	40	600 do.	32½
100 Wells, Fargo Ex., bet. call	59½	100 do. b10	32
200 Hudson	102½	200 H. & St. J.	115½
200 do.	102½	100 H. & St. J. R. Pf.	117
		200 Col., Ch. & Ind. C.	42½

SECOND BOARD—12 P. M.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, c.	122½	100,000 do.	18 120½
5,000 do.	122½	500 U. S. 5-20, c.	118½
2,500 U. S. 5-20 R. '62	117½	68,600 U. S. 5-20 C. '62	120½
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '62	117½	2,500 U. S. 5-20 C. '62	120½
124,500 U. S. 5-20 C. '65 new	120½	112,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, R.	109
28,000 do.	120½	50,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40, C.	109½

NEW NATIONAL BOARD—NOON.

200 Mariposa	22½	200 Mich So.	106½
800 Harlem	151½	100 Ill. Cen.	145½
200 Reading	97½	200 Chi. & N. W.	91½
500 do.	97½		

SATURDAY, May 22—P. M.

The sales of Gold through the day were at 141¼@140¾@140⅞@141@141¼@141⅛ ₱ cent., establishing the decline noticed on Friday night of 3 ₱ cent. from the top sales of Thursday and of Friday morning. There was less excitement in the Room than during any previous day of the week, although much interest continued to be manifested in the tura of the market. The Cash Gold is quite abundant. The Treasury Office gained for the week $1,918,804; paid out $1,436,353 for Gold Interest, and sold $1,000,000 on Thursday at 143.77@143.91 ₱ cent. The Banks make the trifling gain of $54,633 on the Specie averages of the week and add $1,346,944 to their Greenbacks. The Loans are up $777,037, and the general line of Deposits $22,426. We have seldom of late had so steady a movement. Money closed in easy supply at 7 ₱ cent. to the Brokers, with frequent exceptions to the leading firms at 6 ₱ cent. The offerings were, perhaps, a little more free because of Saturday—loans of the day carrying two days' interest, in place of one, over Sunday. The Foreign Exchanges are held firm by several of the leading Bankers, who are rather indifferent about drawing except at full rates, 109¾@109⅞ ₱ cent. 60 days London, but most of the actual sales by other parties are at 109¼@⅜, 60 days, and 110@110¼ short sight.

On the Stock Exchange the Public Funds again displayed much firmness in prices, but there was less doing than on Thursday and Friday, and the market closed quiet in the Afternoon. There was rather more firmness in the Southern State Bonds, and higher prices were made on the Vanderbilt Roads, Fort Wayne and some other of the Western lines. On the Miscellaneous list Pacific Mail gave way, after the 3 ₱ cent. Quarterly Dividend was quoted off. The price fell from 93 with Dividend to 88½ Ex-Dividend. The Mariposa Stocks advanced to 50 for the Preferred and 24 for the Common.

No Boards were held at the Exchange after 1 o'clock P. M. In the Long Room and on the Street the following Afternoon quotations were made as compared with Friday night.

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	109⅞	109⅞
United States 5-20s of 1862	123	123
United States 5-20s of 1867	119¾	120
American Gold Coin	141⅞	141⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	109¾	109¾
New Bonds of Tennessee	65⅞	66¼
Virginia Bonds, old	67¼	67¼
Missouri Bonds	89	89
North Carolina Bonds, new	54⅞	55
New-York Central	121¼	122⅜
Reading Railway	97⅞	99
Chicago and Rock Island	136⅜	136½
Northwest Common	91⅞	91⅞
Northwest Preferred	104¾	104½
Michigan Southern	106⅜	106⅜
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	154	157⅞
Cleveland and Pittsburg	93⅞	94¼
Pacific Mail Company	91⅞	*88⅞
St. Paul Preferred	86½	86⅞
St. Paul Common	77	76⅞
Toledo and Wabash	76¾	76⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	35⅞	35⅞
Mariposa Preferred	49	50
Lake Shore	106¼	106⅛
Hudson River	101⅞	102⅛
Louisiana Levee 6s	69½	69

*Ex-Dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 ₱ cent. coup., 1881	122⅞	5-20 coup., 1867	120
5-20 reg. 1862	117	5-20 coup., 1868	120
5-20, coup., 1862	123	5 ₱ cent. reg., 1871	113
5-20 coup., 1864	117⅞	10-40 reg	108⅞
5-20 coup., 1865	119	10-40 coup	109⅞
5-20 coup., n. 1 '65	120	6 ₱ Currency	107⅞

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '77	101	Louisiana 6s levee bds.	68½
Ill. 6 ₱ c. coupons, '79	101	California 7s	122½
Indiana 5 ₱ c.	97	Connecticut 6s	101
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '72	103	Rhode Island 6s	101
Michigan 6 ₱ ct., '78	98	Alabama 5s	100½
Tenn. 6s, ex cou.	66½	N. Y. Reg. Pay Loan	110⅞
Tenn. 6s, new bonds	66	N. Y. Comptr R. Loan	110⅞
Virginia 6s, ex cou.	67½	N. Y. 7 ₱ c. Canal, '72	105
Virginia 6s, new bds.	63½	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '72	102½
Georgia 6s	80	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '73	102½
South Carolina 6s	64	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '74	102½
North Car. 6s, n. bds.	34½	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '75	102½
Missouri 6s	89	N. Y. 6 ₱ c. Canal, '77	102½
Mo., H. & St. Jo. 1s	82	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '72	99
Louisiana 6s	72½	N. Y. 5 ₱ c. Canal, '76	99

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	180	Hanover	112½
Mechanics'	127	Metropolis	148½
Mechanics'	136	People's	142
Manufacturers	146	Mechanics'	105
Union	113	Mechanics'	116
Builders' & Traders'	127½	Greenwich	110
National	112	Imp. and Traders'	127
Metropolitan	117½	Park	104
State of New-York	111	Central National	100
Commerce	128½	First National	220
American Exchange	112	Fourth National	105½
Broadway	125	Ninth National	118
Bank of North America	125		

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887	90	Gal. & Chic. 2d M.	85
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est'e	88½	Chi. & R. I. 1st M.	86½

N. Y. C. 6s, Subscr'n	88½	Chi. R. I. & P.	88½
Erie 1st mtg., int.	90	Morris & Essex 2d M.	90
Erie 1st mtg., int.	90	Clev. & Tol. S. Fund.	80½
B. N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	80½	N. J. Cen. 1st M.	90
H. R. 1st, 1st M.	90½	New-Jersey Cen. 1st M.	75
Harlem 1st M.	90	P., Ft. W. & C. 1st M.	93
Mich. C. 1 ₱ ct. '72-'82	90	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d M.	80
Mich. C. 1st M. int.	90	P., Ft. W. & C. 3d M.	43½
C., R. I. & P. 1st M.	90	Clev. & P. 2d M. int.	90
M. S. & N. I. S. F. '78	90½	Chi. & Alton S. F.	87½
Pac. R. R. guar. 1st M.	90	Chi. & Alton 1st	91
Ill. Cen. 1 ₱ ct. 1870	120	Chi. & Alton 2d M.	91
Alton & T. H. 1st M.	80½	Chi. & Mich. Lake 1st M.	90
Alton & T. H. 2d M.	64½	Mil. & St. P. Int. M.	104½
Alton & T. H. 3d M. int	50½	Mil. & St. P. 1st '87	93½
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90	Mil. & St. P. 1st M.	91½
Chi. & N. W. 2d M.	87½	Mil. & St. P. I. & M.	91
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	90	Marietta & Cin. 1st M.	91
Han. & St. J. I. G.	105½	C. & Gt. East'n 1st M.	93½
Han. & St. Jo. Conv.	115	N. Y. & H. R. 1st M.	94
Lack. & Western bds.	94	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st M	92½
Del., L. & W. 1st M.	90½	Col., Chi. & Ind. 2d M.	80
Del., L. & W. 2d M.	80	Mar. Trustee Cer.	61
Del. & W. 1st, M. cur.	90	Am. Dk. & Imp'ntbds	97
Del. & W. 2d M.	81	Cleve. P. & Ash. 1 ₱ c.	91
Del. & W. Equip. bds.	72	Cleve. P. & Ash. c. b.	91
Del. & W. W. & C. R.	72	Iron Mount'n 1st c.	66
Gt. West'n 1st M. '88	88	N. J. Jersey Cent. c. b.	92½
Gt. West'n 2d M. '93	76½	Lake Shore Div. bds.	89½
Gal. & Chi. extended	87		

Report of Specie exported from the port of New-York for the week ending May 22, 1869:

May 17—Schooner *E. De Hart*, Mayaguez, American silver	$5,000
May 18—Brig *Startled Fawn*, Para, American gold	1,000
May 19—Steamship *Westphalia*, Paris, American dollars	25,975
May 19—Steamship *Westphalia*, Paris, gold bars	24,226
May 20—Steamship *Union*, Bremen, foreign silver	4,709
May 20—Steamship *Union*, London, Mexican doubloons	1,120
May 20—Steamship *Morro Castle*, Havana, Spanish doubloons	1,100
May 21—Steamship *City of Brooklyn*, Liverpool, British gold	98,806
May 21—Steamship *South America*, Rio Janeiro, Spanish doubloons	24,425
May 21—Steamship *South America*, Para, American gold	9,664
May 21—Steamship *South America*, St. Thomas, American gold	14,076
	21,464
Total	$223,265

The following is an abstract of the reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency, showing the condition of the National Banks in the United States at the close of business on the 17th day of April, 1869:

Number of Banks 1,617

Resources.

Loans and discounts	$822,794,546 61
Overdrafts	2,546,350 05
United States Bonds to secure circulation	357,730,750 00
United States Bonds to secure deposits	25,651,250 00
United States Bonds and securities on hand	30,854,600 00
Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	20,041,276 61
Due from Redeeming Agents	77,725,313 92
Due from National Banks	30,220,182 62
Due from other Banks and Bankers	7,506,785 41
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	22,793,187 97
Current expenses	8,654,147 21
Premiums	1,658,617 81
Checks and other cash items	152,979,220 11
Bills of National Banks	11,719,815 00
Bills of other Banks	12,986 00
Fractional Currency	2,056,722 71
Specie	8,413,941 42
Legal Tender Notes	1,458,326 61
Compound Interest Notes	40,520 00
Three per cent. Certificates	$1,198,000 00
Total	$1,816,802,943 19

Liabilities.

Capital stock	$420,388,720 00
Surplus fund	82,622,444 19
Undivided profits	37,402,978 49
National Bank notes outstanding	297,206,650 00
State bank notes outstanding	2,613,587 00
Individual deposits	847,712,627 72
United States deposits	10,062,961 70
Deposits of United States disbursing officers	3,594,956 66
Due to National bank	92,661,208 03
Due to other banks and bankers	32,761,405 81
Notes and bills re-discounted	2,464,801 11
Bills payable	1,269,012 28
Total	$1,816,802,943 19

The New-York Central Railroad Company have instructed their transfer agents, Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., to open the transfer books to-day.

The imports (other than dry goods and specie) at the port of New-York from foreign ports for the week ending May 21, 1869, were $5,461,882.

The Albany *Argus* says:

"The boats which passed Puttenville between noon on Wednesday and noon on Thursday carried 6,424 bbls Lumber, 17 loads Wheat, 8 loads Corn, 8 loads Rye, 2 from each Staves, Oats and Coal, and one each from Flour, Barley, Seed and Malt. List of boats which passed Fultonville during twenty-four hours prior to 1.30 P. M., May 20, 1869: Corn—R. T. Yeomans, Oswego; Geo. B. Ford, Buffalo; J. M. Dygert, Buffalo. Wheat—Ira Ames, Oswego; J. Gedney, Buffalo; E. E. Shebluck, Buffalo; Andrew Elliott, Buffalo; D. Tucker, Falling, Buffalo; Colonel J. H. Stark, Buffalo. Rye—Delphine, Fort Plain. Lumber and Shingles—Morning Star, Oswego; J. Barnes, Salina; Morgan, Buffalo; Alfred Albert, Buffalo; Right of Way, Oswego; Julia K. Rapp, Oswego, Pine; Geo. D. Little, Rome; C. A. Riggs, Rome, Hemlock; Pride of Fort, Rome; Jerusha Hemlock; Harvey Stewart, Oswego, Pine; J. H. Vedder, Buffalo; C. H. Potter, Oswego; Colonel J. H. Stark, Buffalo; Oliver Owen, Danville; Chauncey Brodock, Rome; Roswell Build, Oswego; John H. Drake, Oswego; Wm. C. Lellinger, Danville; Rosanna, Rome; Oliver B. Brown, Buffalo; Frank, Corning; Monitor, Corning; John Bell, Tonawanda; G. W. Mathews, Rome; C. Herman, Buffalo. Wheat—W. F. C. Hewitt, Oswego; Minnie F. Howe, Buffalo; E. F. Ross, Fort Byron; W. L. Gilbert, Buffalo; Fanny M. Blanc, Buffalo; Mark Gaven, Oswego; Thomas Weaver, Oswego; Nellie Curtis, Oswego; Patrick Bowen, Buffalo; The fellow Wrescott, Buffalo; H. B. Lord, Buffalo; Camden, Buffalo; M. R. Phillips, Buffalo; B. F. Carpenter, Buffalo; John Bell, Tonawanda; Rufus Hymer, Southwick, Buffalo; I. J. M. Stark, Buffalo; L. B. Schooner, Oswego; Dolz—E. P. Ross, Fort Byron; Belfast, Buffalo. Seed—R. Hagaman, Syracuse. Coal—Fall Brook No. 15, Geneva; Fall Brook No. 17, Geneva. *Hides*—Barnes Downer, Fort Gibson. *Staves*—R. Schomaker, Oswego; Thos. Kearney, Buffalo. *Leather*—M. Hart, Oswego. *Stone*—Robt. W. Jourden, Buffalo; Gashawk, Buffalo. *Grain*—C. Potter, Rome. *Wagons*—J. M. Dygert, Buffalo. *Rye*—R. Hagaman, Oswego; Flyaway, Oswego; E. A. Gilbert, Rome. *Flour*—George, Rochester.

Messrs. EASTON & CO., in their Cotton circular of this date, give the following statistics:

	Receipts.	Stock.	Exports to Gt. Britain.	Exports to Cont'nent.
New-Orleans	4,828	67,129	2,740	7,746
Mobile	2,563	20,527	4,005	....
Galveston	782	6,090	....	....
Florida	39	....	....	....
Savannah	3,520	14,669	5,259	2,565
Charleston	1,920	7,180	2,170	....
New-York	1,613	41,248	5,694	2,629
Boston, Phil. and Baltimore	1,520	18,000	1,020	1,000
Total this week	16,985	174,529	20,888	14,540
Previously reported	1,907,690	.....	876,274	398,798
Total since Sept. 1, 1868	1,924,689	174,529	897,162	413,315
Same time last year	2,059,490	162,874	1,191,309	385,621

Stocks in the interior towns May 21, 1869.

	1869.	1868.
Augusta and Hamburg, Ga.	7,876	7,876
Columbus, Ga.	3,400	1,070
Macon, Ga.	1,851	2,438
Montgomery, Ala.	1,128	1,128
Memphis, Tenn.	12,377	1,016
Nashville, Tenn.	2,116	802
Total	29,180	14,707

Statistical Position.

	1869.	1868.
Stock in Liverpool	363,000	290,000
Stock in London	36,000	34,000
Afloat from America	186,000	140,000
Stock in London	74,200	41,100
Afloat for London	70,000	45,000
Stock in Havre	89,000	93,000
Afloat for Havre	67,704	30,920
Stock in Bremen	7,361	9,678
Afloat for Bremen	6,931	....
Stock in United States ports	174,529	162,874
Stock in the interior towns	29,180	14,707
Total	1,407,914	1,422,104
Deficiency in visible supply	25,025	....

Stock of Cotton held by Manchester spinners at the mills, now 83,000 bales, same time 1868, 148,000 bales. Middling Orleans, now 11¾d., then 11¼d.

We have been requested to call attention to proposals for $1,000,000 "Street Opening and Improvement Bonds," bids for which will be opened at the Comptroller's Office, Tuesday, May 25, at 2 o'clock P. M. The Bonds, which are duly authorized by the Legislature, will bear interest at 7 ₱ cent., payable semi-annually, and the principal will be redeemed in successive annual installments of $200,000, commencing Nov. 1, 1879.

Internal Revenue Decision.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE,
WASHINGTON, May 13, 1869.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 19th ult., with reference to the liabilities of persons and firms who manufacture tobacco and cigars in the same building where they have a salesroom, and where they sell not only their own products but also goods manufactured by other persons, I have to say that the act of July 20, 1868, requires every manufacturer of tobacco to give bond and pay a special tax before commencing or continuing business, and a like requirement is made of every manufacturer of cigars. Both kinds of business cannot be performed under one bond and special tax receipt, neither is one interchangeable with the other.

A manufacturer of tobacco and snuff may sell the products of his own manufacture without paying special tax as a dealer in tobacco, and a manufacturer of cigars may sell the cigars of his own manufacture at the place of manufacture without paying special tax as a dealer.

But if a manufacturer of tobacco or a manufacturer of cigars sells at the same time the products of the other manufacturer, he must pay a special tax as a dealer in manufactured tobacco.

Every manufacturer of tobacco and snuff is required to pack and stamp his goods before they are removed from the manufactory or from any place where the same are made, except such tobacco and snuff as are intended for export, and every manufacturer of cigars is required to pack his cigars in boxes not before used for that purpose, and affix tax paid stamps before he is allowed to remove them from any manufactory or place where cigars are made. Under these provisions of law, it is held and decided that where a person or firm make or manufacture tobacco or cigars in a different part or parts of the same building in which they have a salesroom where they sell at retail their own products or the products of other manufacturers, the room or part of the building where such particular part of the business is carried on, is the place of the manufactory, or the place where the tobacco or cigars are made, as the case may be, and the special tax paid as a dealer or as a manufacturer of tobacco or a manufacturer of cigars is limited to, and covers only the business done in the part of the building so designated and used, and does not cover those portions of the building which are appropriated to other purposes.

When, therefore, a dealer in manufactured tobacco has his salesroom in the front part of his store and occupies the back part as a place of manufacturing tobacco, snuff, or cigars, or when he uses the first floor of his building as a store or salesroom, and the upper floors or cellar as a place for manufacturing or making tobacco, snuff, or cigars, the goods, whether tobacco, snuff, or cigars, must be packed and stamped before they are removed from that part of the building where they are made to the store or salesroom. When tobacco, snuff, or cigars are removed from the place where they are made and placed in a store or salesroom where the occupant does business as a dealer, they are offered for sale within the meaning of the Revenue law, and if they are found there exposed for sale without the proper stamps affixed, they are liable to seizure, and the person so removing his goods and offering them for sale without previously affixing and canceling the proper stamps denoting the payment of the tax, is liable, on conviction, to the penalties imposed by sections 71 and 89 of the act of July 20, 1868. When a person manufactures and sells cigars in the same room, and at the same place sells cigars of other persons' manufacture, he must pack and stamp his cigars before he sells, or offers or exposes his cigars for sale by placing them upon his shelves, counter, show case, or other conspicuous place.

Manufactured and purchased goods cannot be stored promiscuously and offered for sale upon the same shelves and counters, and with no stamps affixed to the goods, which the person thus exposing them has manufactured himself. Goods of his own manufacture which are thus commingled by the manufacturer with goods purchased, without being properly stamped and canceled, are liable to seizure under sections 70 and 71, or of cigars under the provisions of section 89, act of July 20, 1868.

(Signed) J. W. DOUGLASS,
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LAW REPORTS.

SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Hon. Gideon J. Tucker, Surrogate.

The following wills were admitted to probate during the week ending May 22:

Alfred Gibbs, Duncan Kennedy, Thomas Whittemore, (foreign,) Rebecca Robinson, Daniel McIntyre, Nathan Koenigsburg, Sarah R. Dustan, James D. Yates, Thomas Tyson.

During the same period letters of administration were granted on the estates of the following persons:

Elizabeth De Forest, Mary McKiernan, Mary E. Little, James Cannon, George Schoolcraft, Gerard Redding, William Thomas, Ann Sparks, John Allen, Frederick W. Deneke, Robert P. Hamilton, Andrew Leary, Nancy Wood.

POLICE COURTS.

The Tombs—Moore, Alderman.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Arnett G. Smith, of No. 14 Fulton-street, caused the arrest of John Gillock yesterday, and when the prisoner was arraigned before the Acting Magistrate, the complainant stated that Gillock had called on him on the 14th ult., and stated that he was in the employ of Mr. Sweeney, of Sweeney's Hotel, and that he wished to borrow $7 to pay a bill, at the same time ordering some goods to be sent to the hotel. Of course, the whole transaction was a blind to obtain the money, he had never employed Mr. Smith's hotel at all. In this way the fellow has succeeded in swindling several times in one instance ordering a whole cart load of flour, which was duly delivered to the astonished hotelkeeper, Gillock was held for trial in default of the necessary bail. He is 20 years of age, a native of New-York, has no occupation, and confessed his guilt.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT.

Philip Gaffney, of No. 27 Watts-street, appeared in court yesterday afternoon and made oath that during the forenoon he saw Michael McCaffrey in the premises No. 29 Greenwich-street, and heard him say that he was going to kill Tom Reilly. He also saw McCaffrey take a knife out of his pocket and approach Reilly, when he warned the intended victim, but before any effectual step could be taken to prevent it, McCaffrey did stab and severely wound Reilly, who is now in hospital under treatment. On this statement of facts, the acting Magistrate committed the prisoner, who had been arrested by Officer McCready of the Second Precinct, to await the result of the injuries inflicted by him.

Essex Market—Mansfield, Justice.

COATS STOLEN.

So long ago as the 19th of August, 1868, Ephraim Simons, a tailor, was intrusted by Stringer, Allen & Co., No. 108 Bleecker-street, with the material for forty-eight coats, valued at $270, for the purpose of making up. He never afterward appeared at the store nor made any return of the goods; and his whereabouts could be ascertained only by one of the employes of the firm, he was arrested by Detectives King and Lyons, of the Tenth Precinct, to whom he confessed that he had sold the coats, and gave information that led to the recovery of a portion of the missing property. The prisoner was committed for trial at the General Sessions.

AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.

Mina Kroener was seen on Friday evening to enter the hallway of No. 241 First-avenue, carrying an infant in her arms. On her return she was unencumbered, but the child it was suspected that she had abandoned it, and the hall being searched it was found in a corner where she had left it. She was immediately followed and arrested, and upon being arraigned was committed for trial.

SEWING MACHINE STOLEN.

John G. Norman, residing at the corner of Spring and Thompson streets, was arrested by Officer Shalvey of the Eleventh Precinct, charged with stealing Wm. Reed, of No. 186 East Broadway, had rented to the accused a sewing machine, valued at $75, on a monthly payment of $5, which was to be applied as purchase money when the last payment was made. After four months, it is alleged that Norman pawned the machine for $15 at No. 161 Bowery, but on being asked by Reed where it was, said that it had been stolen from him. The pawnticket for the machine, however, being found in the possession of the accused, he was committed, in default of $500, for trial at the General Sessions.

DECISIONS.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MAY 22.

By Judge McCunn.

Jeremiah Walsh *vs.* George Kerner et al.; motion granted.

Theodore Appel *vs.* Charles H. Mayer; motion granted and defendants opened.

Olivia Ballou *vs.* William Y. Mortimer; motion granted.

Mark J. Higgins *vs.* Marvin J. Merchant; motion granted.

Elijah Purdy *vs.* Robert Abbott; motion granted and cause referred.

James M. Sweeney, Receiver, &c., *vs.* James B. Colgate; motion granted.

William N. McIntyre *vs.* Richard Schell; motion granted without costs.

Charles S. S. Lennox *vs.* Moses A. Hoppock; motion denied.

Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company *vs.* Simon A. Lach; motion granted and Referee appointed.

Jacob H. Swezey *vs.* Charles Sullivan; motion granted.

Edward Van Ness *vs.* Henry H. Leeds et al.; motion granted and Referee appointed.

William J. Howell, Receiver, &c., *vs.* Peter Totsam; motion granted without costs.

Annie T. Butler et al. *vs.* Evening Mail Association; motion granted and cause referred.

David S. Benedict et al. *vs.* James P. Spotts, Administrator, &c.; motion for commission granted.

John J. Eaure *vs.* David Allerton et al.; extra allowance of five per cent. granted.

Anthony Dey *vs.* the Same; extra allowance of five per cent. granted.

Levi P. Morton et al. *vs.* the Same; the Same.

Levi P. Morton *vs.* Nelville Ross; the Same.

Levi P. Morton *vs.* the Same; the Same.

Addie Glassheim *vs.* Louisa Oberman; injunction vacated and set aside on terms.

Abraham Hoenter *vs.* New-York Varnish Company; motion granted without costs.

Caroline Heamer *vs.* Valentine Heamer; motion granted and Referee appointed.

George Schwerkert *vs.* James McNamara; motion granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—MAY 22.

By Judge Brady.

Butellier *vs.* Whaley; order suggested.

Jacob Meyer *vs.* Hetty Meyer; divorce granted.

SURROGATE'S COURT—BROOKLYN.

Before Hon. Wm. D. Veeder.

WILLS.

The wills of the following-named persons have been proved in the Surrogate's Court during the past week: James Dickerman, of New Lots; John R. Lott, of Flatbush; John Rankin, Amelia Duryea, Joseph Kearney, Charles C. Wesley and James Connolly, of Brooklyn.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

Letters of administration were granted in the estates of George Seisinger, of Boston, Mass.; Samuel D. Talbot, Wm. J. Gilliston, Christopher Martin, John Garrison, Wm. Bartlett, John Leber, Chas. Dubey, Mary Kelley and Henry Mack, all of Brooklyn.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.

Letters of guardianship of the person and estate of Hermann B. Leverich, were granted to Richard B. Leverich, of Martin S. Wrede, to Christopher Wrede, his father; of Norman G. Chipman, to Don A. Hoelet; of Hattie L. Hilton, to Harriet C. Hilton, her mother.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—BROOKLYN.

Before Judge Gilbert.

MOTIONS AND ORDERS.

Charles Doherty *vs.* Daniel G. Birdsall; motion to change place of trial denied with $10 costs. Justice Moore.

A. S. White, guardian, *vs.* Jane Augusta Kenyon et al.; order that the plaintiff show cause on Monday, May 24, why this cause should not be placed on the calendar.

Angelo Gross *vs.* Charles Gross; read affidavit of H. Daly, Jr. Ordered to appoint A. T. Baker's referee, by bond and mortgage.

MILITARY NEWS.

Regular Army Notes—Miscellaneous National Guard News and Gossip.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

SAPOLIO.

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THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Divorce and Infanticide Strongly Condemned by the Old School Assembly.

Is Total Abstinence a Christian Duty?

Interesting Debates in the New School Assembly.

The Old School—Third Day.

The morning session of the Old School Presbyterians yesterday commenced with the usual religious exercises.

Rev. Dr. S. I. PRIME, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, presented an invitation to the Commissioners, and to the members of the Press in attendance, to a reception on Monday evening, the 24th inst., at Apollo Rooms; the tickets to be obtained from the Temporary Clerk, Dr. ROBERTS.

It was made the first order for next Monday afternoon to receive and hear the delegates from other corresponding bodies. Thus includes the New School Assembly, the Reformed (Dutch) Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, the Associate Reformed Church, &c.

The Stated Clerk called attention to the fact that the Presbytery of Knox is at present connected with no Synod.

Rev. Dr. BLACKWOOD moved that it, together with two other neighboring Presbyteries, meet in October, 1869, as a new Synod, to be called the "Synod of Atlantic."

DIVORCE AND INFANTICIDE.

Rev. ROBERT BEER presented the following preamble and resolutions upon the subjects of divorce and infanticide, which were referred to the Committees on Bills and Overtures:

Whereas, It is well known that unscriptural views of the marriage relation are becoming prevalent in some parts of our land, so that its obligations are disregarded by many, and separations of husband and wife, and divorces for slight and unwarrantable reasons are becoming more frequent every year; and

Whereas, The horrible crime of infanticide is also on the increase; and

Whereas, The evils which these errors and crimes have already brought upon the Church and country, and the worse evils which they threaten in the near future, make it imperative that the whole power of the Ministry and Church of Jesus Christ should be put forth in maintenance of the truth or of virtue in regard to these things. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we urge upon all the ministers of our Church the duty of giving instruction to the people of their respective charges as to the scriptural doctrine concerning the marriage relation; and that we warn them against wedlock with any who may have been divorced upon other than scriptural grounds; and that we also enjoin Church sessions the exercise of due discipline in the cases of those members who may be guilty of violating the law of Christ in this particular.

2. That we regard the destruction by parents of their own offspring, before birth, with abhorrence, as a crime against God and against nature, and that we exhort those who have been called to preach the Gospel, and all who love purity and truth, and who would avert the just judgment of Almighty God from the State and nation, that they be no longer silent or tolerant of these things, but that they take a bold stand that the floods of impurity and cruelty may be stayed.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, through Dr. KNOX, reported a resolution that as to the subject of Temperance the Assembly reiterate its former deliverances.

Rev. T. McCAULEY, WILSON PHRANER and J. KELLY urged the Christian duty of Total Abstinence.

Rev. T. H. SKINNER could not agree to the statement that always and everywhere Total Abstinence is a Christian duty.

Rev. THOMAS McCAULEY proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That our ministry be exhorted to preach on the duty of Total Abstinence on the third Sabbath of December or at the earliest practicable time.

Rev. G. S. PLUMLEY moved that the Assembly reiterate its former deliverances in favor of Total Abstinence, especially that of 1865 at Pittsburg.

Rev. A. L. BLACKFORD could not see that the Scriptures enjoin total abstinence.

Rev. S. COOK believed we must teach that ministers and elders should make a glass of wine have an influence for evil. My heart, he said, has been pained when I have seen such rulers giving an example to youth of drinking intoxicating drinks. Let us speak out in defence of good morals.

Rev. F. E. SHEARER, who presides over a large temperance organization, could not believe that the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage is always wrong.

JAS. E. BROWN, Esq., suggested that the Sessions ought to sustain their pastors in all efforts for total abstinence.

A conference having occurred since the last year with the several Presbyterian bodies, this resolution was passed with reference to it:

Resolved, That the Assembly accepts and approves the report, and recommends the continuance of the same Committee, to represent this Assembly in further conferences of the subject of the union of the Churches represented in the Conference.

REUNION WITH THE NEW SCHOOL AND THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

It was made the first order for Tuesday afternoon, to hear the report of the Committee of Conference with the New School Assembly on reunion.

The following overtures and recommendations were read by Dr. KNOX, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, April 19, 1869.

The Presbytery of Philadelphia would respectfully present the following overture to the General Assembly to meet in New-York in May, 1869, to wit:

That this Presbytery, with the deep sense of the continued separation between our Church and those Churches of the South with which we once stood as the closest of kindred, would respectfully request Assembly to institute measures for a correspondence between us and the Southern Presbyterian Church, in hope that this movement may lead to union of the divided portions of our Communion on the basis of the ancient and unaltered standard of the Presbyterian Church.

Overture from Lewes Presbytery on union with the Southern Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery of Lewes, at its stated meeting in Snow Hill, Maryland, Oct. 5, 1868, adopted the following:

Whereas, There is no question in regard to agreement in doctrine between us and the Southern branch of our church; and

Whereas, This is an important period in their history in which we could give them opportune aid; and

Whereas, By union with them we could labor more effectually for the benefit of the freedmen;

Therefore, We hereby overture the next General Assembly to take action looking toward union with that branch of the Church.

Signed, &c.

Resolution of the Presbytery of Potomac in regard to the Southern Presbyterian Church, passed May 4, 1868.

It was resolved that this Presbytery hereby gives expression to its feelings of Christian sympathy and fellowship for the Southern Presbyterian Church, and hope the day may not be far distant when the providence of God may open the way for the reunion of these two branches of our beloved Church.

Signed, &c.

Rev. Mr. CARSON, of North Carolina, urged the recommendations. Rev. W. O. JOHNSTONE desired all feeling to be swept away. Let us be one with the Southern Church, he said. It is thoroughly orthodox. There is no place where the Presbyterian Church can do so much good as in the South. The Church South cannot do much now for the colored race. We must help them. There is perfect unanimity between us as to doctrine. So far as the freedmen are concerned, we never can do the work unless by their help. We need to have the bars of supplies near the point of effort. The spontaneous flowing of the colored race is to the Presbyterian Church in the South, if we were all together, one united body. My pulpit was not, during the war, considered the most loyal, but in it brethren of every shade of opinion preached, and preached the Gospel. Other brethren in my city (Philadelphia) were always defining their position, and trying to outrun the New School brethren and other sectaries, but their temporary popularity has been lost. The Churches where the Gospel of Christ was most faithfully preached are the strongest today.

Rev. A. A. E. TAYLOR, of Georgetown, D. C., said he knew that there was a large number of the Southern Church in favor of reunion, but many are yet opposed even to receiving a delegate from this body.

Rev. Dr. BLACKWOOD earnestly desired to see this Assembly take the initiative in this matter.

The whole subject was then referred to a Special Committee, to be hereafter appointed by the Moderator.

Notice was given of a joint prayer meeting on the part of both Assemblies, to be held on Monday morning, at 8:30 o'clock, in the Brick Church.

The Assembly then adjourned.

The New School—Third Day.

The New School General Assembly convened for its third day's session at the Church of the Covenant at 9:45 A. M. yesterday, three-quarters of an hour previously having been spent in devotional exercises.

SABBATH-SCHOOL INTERESTS.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Rev. Dr. D. W. POOR, of Newark, N. J., Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Sabbath-School Interests, reported on behalf of that Committee that the last General Assembly refused to give them a paid Secretary; that in consequence thereof, although there is much work to be done, the Committee are unable to report any positive action taken by them during the past year; and they now ask this General Assembly to make provision for furnishing them with a Secretary, or else to discharge the Committee. The report was referred to the Standing Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

An invitation was accepted from the Superintendent of the Five Points House of Industry for the members of the Assembly to visit that institution, each at his leisure.

ANSWERS TO OVERTURES WANTED.

Rev. Dr. H. SPARLING, of Albany, Chairman of the Committee on Answers to Overtures of the last General Assembly, reported that no answers had yet been in possession of the Committee by the following Presbyteries: Dubuque, Charitan, Cedar Rapids, Minnesota, Winona, Osage, Kansas, Kingston, Holston, Tioga, Ithaca, Rockaway, Grand River Valley, Alton, Knox, Galena, Chicago, Des Moines and Iowa City. The delegates from these Presbyteries promised to acquaint the Committee with the action taken by their respective bodies in time for the presentation of the general report.

REDUCING PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS.

Rev. Dr. ALBERT T. CHESTER, of Buffalo, Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported that communications had been received and considered by the Committee from the Presbyteries of Genesee, Ontario, Green Castle and others, urging the reduction of the per capita assessments levied on the Presbyteries, and the Committee recommend that said assessment be reduced from eight to six cents for each member reported in the Presbyterial minutes. The Committee also recommend that the subject of authorizing the holding of sessions without the presence of a minister be referred to the Committee on Church Polity. Also, that the action of a certain Church, (name and nature not specified,) concerning which complaint has been lodged with the Committee, be referred to the Judicial Committee.

The last two recommendations of the Committee were adopted.

The question being put as to adopting the first recommendation of the Committee, reducing the Presbyterial assessments, Rev. Dr. HATFIELD, of New-York, said in explanation that the assessment years ago was only six cents to each Church communicant. At the last General Assembly it was found, however, that, owing to the increased demands on the funds for paying the expenses of the delegates from California, this rate of assessment was not sufficient. The delegates from the four Presbyteries in that section asked to have their passages paid both ways, which sums amounted in the aggregate to many hundreds of dollars. If it was the intention of the Assembly to continue the payment of those expenses, eight cents per communicant was not too high a rate. The proposition certainly entertained was, in his opinion, that the delegates from those far-off Presbyteries would embrace the opportunity of the meeting of the General Assembly to visit their friends in the Atlantic States, while they might, at the same time, be commissioned to represent their Presbyteries in this body. In that case, they might be expected to defray their expenses, so far as passage either way was concerned, and any extra expense to which they were subjected, after landing here, would be defrayed by the Assembly.

Mr. NATHAN LAMB, of Brooklyn, moved that the matter be referred to the Mileage Committee, which was agreed to.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES—DEBATING DEBATE.

Rev. Dr. CHESTER, from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, reported on behalf of that Committee a resolution to the effect that while this General Assembly is heartily desirous of continuing its communication with other religious bodies with whom it is in correspondence, still, as a matter of financial necessity, the Assembly adopts this rule, viz.: That whenever delegates are appointed to corresponding religious bodies, it is optional with such delegates whether they commence with them by letter or in person at their own expense; except that in cases where it is deemed necessary to delegate representatives to the other branch of this Church, the system now prevailing (personal representation) is to be continued in full force.

This report gave rise to considerable debate, nearly all who took part in it considering the proposition highly impolitic.

Rev. Dr. Z. M. HUMPHREY, of Philadelphia, moved to strike out the words "as a matter of financial necessity." If the report was to be adopted at all, he thought it would be more dignified if that phrase were omitted.

Hon. FRED. STARR, of Rochester, opposed the entire report. He was unwilling to believe that it met with the general approval of the Church, and, in his opinion, it was making serious what in his view was a trifling affair.

Rev. Dr. B. P. PRATT, of Ohio, moved to table the report. The effect of its adoption, in his opinion, would be to estrange the Church from the Congregationalism of New-England; and this, when the tendency of the times was toward Christian unity, would be highly injurious. In the West, particularly, the Church was desirous of holding on to New-England. Nothing ought to be done here that might have an estranging effect, more especially as the Congregationalists are reported to be anxious to form a union with the other branch of the Church.

Rev. Dr. DARLING, of Albany, in order to put the matter in less obnoxious shape, moved to amend by instructing the Committee to answer the overture by saying that it is, in the opinion of the Assembly, unwise for the present to make any change in the matter proposed.

Hon. JOHN A. FOOT, of Cleveland, moved to refer the whole matter back to the Committee. He was in favor, however, of speaking the honest truth in this matter. The salaries of ministers had in many cases been reduced almost to starvation point under the recent rate of assessment, and if it were thought desirable to incur the expense incident to a personal representation in the corresponding religious bodies, he favored an increase of the tax. He believed, however, the Assembly should express itself plainly and honestly on this point, by the avowal that financial necessity now compelled a reduction of expenditures.

Rev. Mr. BEYER, of California, said that he came from his Presbytery as a representative to this General Assembly. He came overland, on the first through train of the Pacific Railroad, and arrived here on the first day of this Convention, leaving San Francisco nine days before. He did not come for the purpose of visiting friends, as it had been suggested others might come from his State, but simply in compliance with the wishes of his Presbytery who desired to be represented in this body. They were doing good work for the Church in his section of the country, and he thought this Assembly should be willing to pay all the expenses incident to the strengthening of the Church. He did not favor asking the Church for a little money; in that case but little would be given. He would say rather, "we want a great deal of money, and we mean to have it." That is by far the better way to insure getting a sufficiency. He had had much experience in collecting money for Church purposes and he was able to speak knowingly. There was nothing to be gained by putting forth the representation that the Church was poor. The Church, thank God, was rich enough, and would give liberally enough, if asked to do so for the building up of Christ's kingdom.

Rev. Mr. SEWELL, of Nevada, was sorry to see that a distinction had been made concerning two matters, which, in his opinion, should go together. The question of reducing the Presbyterial assessments had been referred to the Mileage Committee. Why not refer this present question also to that Committee? Delegates from the Far West had an interest in this matter. Why, the whole Church of God is tending toward the Pacific coast. The Assembly might wonder at it; but the Presbyteries there hoped that the next General Assembly of 1871, if not that of next year, would be held in San Francisco. How would the brethren from the Atlantic States feel then, if there were a scarcity of funds to liquidate their expenses? [Suppressed laughter.] If the idea that had been thrown out concerning the pay of California delegates should obtain, only rich men would be able to attend the Assembly as Commissioners. He was not so fortunate as the delegate from California who came through by railroad. He had five hundred miles of staging to do before reaching here. He might possibly visit some friends in this section of the country if he could "sponge" on them, but he did not come for that purpose; [merriment,] he came simply to represent his Presbytery. He was disinclined, however, to say more at this juncture.

Hon. JOHN A. FOOT said that he had no intention of conveying the idea that the representatives from the Pacific coast should be pecuniary losers by coming here. He was heartily glad to see them, and to learn from them of the progress of the Church in their far-off section of the Union. Of course, their proper expenses are to be paid; but in his opinion the Assembly should make special provision for defraying these and all other charges hereafter, or else declare that in future the Church judicatory would study greater economy than in the past. He pressed his motion to refer the matter back to the Committee.

Rev. Dr. S. B. CARNEGIE, of Syracuse, thought that the two questions, paying the California delegates and the representatives to corresponding bodies, should be considered together, as they were, financially considered, embraced in the same subject matter. Let the Assembly foot the bill of expenses incurred by the delegates from the Pacific Coast. According to what had been said the assessment of eight cents per communicant would cover all the expenses, both of delegates and of representatives, to corresponding bodies. The amount was small, and would be freely paid. Eight cents to-day had no more purchasing power than four cents had years ago, and the six cents assessment was then universally paid without a murmur. He hoped eight cents assessment would continue to be levied.

Elder E. B. JONES, of Pen Yan, thought the Assembly was making much of a very small matter. He was sorry to see that it created so much debate. His idea was that a most friendly spirit should be evinced toward all Evangelical denominations, and in his opinion the making no provision for a personal representation of the Church at their councils, would not be by them considered as evincing this spirit. He remembered when, more than thirty years since, Methodist ministers would not affiliate with their Presbyterian brethren, and vice versa. This feeling had passed away, and Christians were coming now to consider their brethren of diverse faiths as co-workers in the great cause. He desired to see this view strengthened, and for that reason he was opposed to the tenor of the Committee's report. He favored a personal, not a mere letter representation of the Church, at all general convocations of religious bodies with whom this Assembly was in correspondence.

Dr. CHESTER, Chairman of the Committee, said that the report was not to be considered as a child of the Committee; it was no bantling of theirs, and he would as soon see it strangled now as not. The Committee had simply given shape to the ideas which seemed to them to be very generally entertained by the presbyteries, and were governed in their action by the pressure which came from outside. The Committee was told that there was great complaint as to the amount of expenditures incurred by the Assembly, and they were asked to reduce them. Now, how was this to be done, how was satisfaction to be given to the presbyteries in this particular, except by recommending a reduction of the assessment, as the Committee had done? Whether that reduction was to be put into effect, he left it for the Assembly to say. As to the matter of representatives to corresponding bodies, it delegates would refer to the minutes of the last Convention, now in their possession, they would see that out of all these corresponding bodies, sixteen in number, only four sent representatives to the last General Assembly. It would appear from this fact that our anxiety to be represented at their councils was greater than theirs to be represented here. He would not say this was so, but that appearance might be given it. He would say also that the holding out of any pecuniary inducement to become a Commissioner to this Assembly from any of these far-off Presbyteries might work an injury by giving rise to a sort of political assemble for the position. Let us stop it.

The question was then put on the motion of Judge FOOT, to refer the matter back to the Committee, and carried.

Judge FOOT then moved to reconsider the motion whereby the matter of reducing the per-capita assessments on presbyteries was referred to the Committee on Mileage. The motion was lost.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The Assembly then agreed to listen to the reports from representatives to corresponding bodies appointed by the last General Assembly.

These reports were from Rev. A. W. LAYMAN, of New-York, representative to the one hundred and fifty-ninth General Association of the Congregational Church of Connecticut; Rev. D. W. DURYEA, representative to the General Association (Congregational) of New-Hampshire; Rev. FRANCIS P. WHEELER, representative to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America; Rev. Dr. P. H. FOWLER, of Utica, (the Moderator,) and Rev. Dr. R. D. HITCHCOCK, of New-York, representatives to the Free Church in Scotland and to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Ireland.

All these reports speak highly of the courteous reception given the representatives by the bodies to which they were accredited. The report of Dr. FOWLER contained certain suggestions as to introducing into the Church in this country several matters of Church polity that obtained in the Scotch Free Church, especially one known as the "deacons' court." On motion, a special committee was appointed to take these suggestions into consideration. This Committee consists of Rev. R. R. BOOTH, of New-York; Rev. Dr. BYRON SUNDERLAND, of Washington, D. C., and Hon. Judge JOSEPH ALLISON, of Philadelphia.

JOINT PRAYER MEETING.

Rev. Dr. CROSBY, Chairman of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, offered a resolution that this Assembly unite with the Old School branch in a joint prayer meeting in the Brick Church, Fifth-avenue, from 8:30 to 9:30 A. M. on Monday next. The resolution was adopted.

A QUIET PLACE OF MEETING WANTED.

Mr. DRENNEN, of Madison, asked if the Committee of Arrangements could not procure a more suitable place for holding the Assembly meetings than this church was. The noise in the street disturbed the sessions greatly, and at the back part of the church it was, at times, impossible to hear what was said by delegates.

Rev. Dr. HATFIELD replied that in the whole City there was not a quieter locality than this, and if the brethren would only cease private conversation during the meetings everything said might be heard and understood.

SABBATH DESECRATION—DECORATING SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Rev. Dr. CHESTER, of Buffalo, offered the following resolution from the Committee on Bills and Overtures:

Resolved, That while we heartily sympathize with the noble and affecting tribute proposed to be paid our buried soldiers whose lives were sacrificed in the cause of the Union, under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, by decorating the soldiers' graves with floral offerings; we nevertheless enter our urgent protest against the desecration of the Sabbath for this purpose, and recommend the proper authorities to appoint next Saturday for that interesting ceremony.

Dr. CHESTER, in support of the resolution, said that the change of day had already been made in Washington and other places. He did not know that the passage of this resolution would produce the desired effect here; but it was, he thought, the duty of the Assembly to make an effort to bring it about.

The resolution was adopted.

Hon. FRED. STARR moved that a committee of three be appointed to report this resolution to the Committee of Arrangements of the Grand Army of the Republic, and urge compliance with it, and to make such further use of its disposition as may be necessary to contribute to carrying out the object contemplated. The motion was carried, and Rev. Dr. HUMPHREY, of Philadelphia, Rev. B. W. CHIDLAW, of Baltimore, and Hon. FRED. STARR, of Rochester, were appointed as such committee.

The Assembly then adjourned, after prayer by the Moderator, to 9:45 A. M. on Monday next.

THE BERGEN CITY MYSTERY.

The Other Side of the Story of the Family Feud—Affidavit of Isaac Wilson—Arrest of Robert M. Wilson for Perjury—Statement of the Deceased in Regard to His Son's Treatment.

ISAAC WILSON, against whom ROBERT M. WILSON has preferred grave and extraordinary charges in the remarkable family feud and alleged murder case, which has created no little excitement, appeared before Justice WHITE, at Hoboken, yesterday, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and also made an affidavit. Mr. ISAAC WILSON alleges that the statements made by ROBERT M. WILSON are all false, and, as will be seen by the following, the affair is by no means deprived of its mystery by either affidavit. ISAAC, in his affidavit, says that ROBERT WILSON, the deceased was his brother, and that in the year 1855 the deceased lived at No. 110 West Forty-fifth-street, New-York, with his family, then consisting of his wife, his son and daughter, and that he bought a house and lot in February, 1855, and that in November, he sold the house to deponent and gave him a warrantee deed, signed by ROBERT WILSON and wife, in presence of JOHN STEELE, Esq., said that the deed is recorded in the Clerk's Office, New-York City. The affidavit avers that deponent let ROBERT WILSON have possession of the house and lot to the year 1857, when he came to ISAAC WILSON all bruised and beaten by his son, ROBERT M. WILSON, and his wife MARTHA. The deponent further states that the children were aware at the time that deponent had bought the property, and they tried to induce their father to return to New-York, but he refused on account of being so badly beaten by them. Deponent then commenced proceedings in the New-York Courts to recover possession of the house and lot, and the case was decided in his favor. It was taken to a higher Court, and again given favorable to him, and they are now seeking to take it to the Court of Appeals. From the 16th October, 1867, the deceased lived in deponent's house in Bergen, and for some time prior to his death was very sickly, and was under the care of Dr. CRAVEN. He died on the 3d of May, 1868, and was buried on the 4th of May, and he died of disease of the lungs. The affidavit also says he had unrestrained liberty to go where he liked, and denies that he was ever kidnapped by one FITZSIMMONS, as alleged by ROBERT M. WILSON. The affidavit goes on to deny all statements alleged as false, malicious and fraudulent.

Mr. ISAAC WILSON alleges that about thirteen years ago the present complainant, ROBT. M. WILSON, committed a certain crime on a young German girl, and he was indicted for the same. The old man in order to furnish bonds for his son's appearance mortgaged his house for $1,200. The deceased became embarrassed from that time, and was obliged to borrow $1,000 from deponent. Eventually the latter alleges that he bought the house, and that it belongs to him now. For thirteen years, however, he allowed his brother and family to live in it, during which time ROBERT was sadly used by his children. On one occasion, it is claimed, the daughter KATE applied for a warrant to send the old man to Blackwell's Island, which was refused with a fitting rebuke. On another occasion, that ROBERT and his wife beat him till the blood flowed, and that they dragged him by the hair and knocked him about unmercifully. The body, although exhumed has not been dissected, and will be reinterred. It is thought by ISAAC WILSON that the desire on the part of ROBERT M. WILSON to get the body over to New-York was in order to put poison in the stomach, and so make up a case.

THE TABLES TURNED.

ROBERT M. WILSON, who made the allegations against ISAAC WILSON in this matter, visited Justice WHITE's office in Hoboken last evening and, at the instance of ISAAC WILSON, was arrested for alleged perjury and sent to the county jail.

Letter from the Counsel of Robert and Isaac Wilson—Affidavit of Deceased.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The several articles appearing in your columns headed similar to the above, invite, in vindication of the dead and living, a word from the undersigned, who acted as the counsel of ROBERT WILSON, deceased, and ISAAC WILSON, in the legal proceedings spoken of, which resulted favorably to the deceased father, ROBERT, and adversely to the claims of the son ROBERT M. WILSON. The following sworn statement of Mr. ROBERT WILSON, deceased, now on the files of the New-York Superior Court, negatives his pretended abduction by Mr. JAMES FITZSIMMONS, and the disastrous termination of the son's suit to obtain the father's property throws some light on the Bergen City mystery. At all events it makes it a little odd that the son, who so maltreated his fathers body, living, should be solicitous about his father's body dead.

S. B. NOBLE,
Attorney for ROBERT and ISAAC WILSON,
No. 111 Nassau-street.

NEW-YORK SUPERIOR COURT.—*Robert Wilson, Kate Wilson and others vs. Robert Wilson, Isaac Wilson and others.*—*City and County of New-York, ss:* ROBERT WILSON, at present of Bergen, N. J., being duly sworn, says: * * * * The truth and the fact to be, that, unable to get an accounting from the said ROBERT M. WILSON in respect to the rents collected from the tenants of deponent occupying said premises, and having discovered that the said ROBERT M. WILSON was giving out leases for a portion of the premises aforesaid without any right or authority or permission of or from deponent, and having otherwise discovered that the said ROBERT M. was acting unfaithfully and dishonestly and ungratefully towards deponent, who had done so much for him, he remonstrated with him, whereupon the said ROBERT M. WILSON and his alleged wife, MARTHA E. WILSON, and the said KATE A. WILSON, plaintiffs, commenced a series of the most violent acts of cruelty and oppression toward deponent and his wife, rendering deponent's life miserable and insupportable there, meaning with the family of ROBERT M., No. 119 West Forty-fifth-street.) That they conspired and combined together, with the wicked design of inducing this deponent by threats, by starving and by manifestations of displeasure, and by threats of making away with him unless he would consent to execute and sign some paper by which they could cover up the dishonesty of said ROBERT M. WILSON, and compel deponent, by duress, to give up his legal title. During the period of abominable ill-treatment, they, on one occasion, actually had deponent sent to Blackwell's Island on a false and frivolous charge, and finally, on or about the month of October, 1867, their brutal and undeserved treatment culminated in acts of barbarity horrible to mention; the plaintiff, MARTHA E. WILSON, the alleged wife of ROBERT M. WILSON, attacked deponent, and struck him five or six blows in the face, drawing blood at every blow, and the plaintiff, ROBERT M. WILSON, assisted by the beard and hair, and knocked deponent's head against the wall and cut great and unseemly gashes upon deponent's forehead, and the plaintiff KATE A. WILSON joined in this abuse, and, like fiends, they thrust deponent finally in a dark bedroom, and bound deponent's hands and feet with cords and threw him upon the bed, the plaintiff ROBERT M. WILSON jumping on deponent's breast, and exclaiming, as he left deponent in this agonizing condition, "There let the damned old rascal stay until he learns to do what we want; we will put him up." Deponent, however, upon being left alone, loosed the cords with his teeth and made his escape, and reached the house of the defendant, ISAAC WILSON, his brother, where he is now located and kindly cared for by the wife of said ISAAC.

ROBERT WILSON.

Sworn to before me, this 27th day of April, 1868,
JOHN P. NAGLE,
Commissioner of Deeds.

The New Tax Commissioners.

Messrs. GEORGE H. ANDREWS, NATHANIEL SANDS, WILLIAM H. KING and THOMAS H. CREAMER, the newly-appointed Tax Commissioners, took possession of their office at noon yesterday. For the present no changes will be made in the clerical force of the office, but it is supposed that next month a number of the Democrats will have to give place to Republicans.

The four Commissioners took the oath of office before Mayor HALL, yesterday morning.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

The centennial anniversary of the Collegiate North Reformed Dutch Church, at the corner of William and Fulton streets, will take place on Tuesday next, May 25. Morning service will begin at that day at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. THOMAS DEWITT, D. D., is to deliver the morning address. At the evening service, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. ISAAC FERRIS, D. D., LL. D., Rev. M. S. HATTON, D. D., and others, will address the audience. The memorial discourse, by TALBOT W. CHAMBERS, D. D., will be delivered during the morning service.

There will be a public meeting on behalf of the City Mission this evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Madison-square Presbyterian Church. The design of this meeting is to unfold the plans and operations of this Society, and to awaken a fresh interest in the cause of City Evangelization.

The Police made 1,400 arrests in this City last week.

RUDOLPH KEMP, of No. 128 Hester-street, aged 8 years, fell off Pier No. 43, East River, yesterday, but was rescued by the Police.

ELLEN COLLINS, of No. 54 Mulberry-street, was severely injured, yesterday, by being knocked down by a horse and cart, on the corner of Sixth and Fulton streets.

DENNIS LAHAN, of No. 534 East Fifty-ninth-street, while digging a sewer at No. 1 Henry-street, was severely injured, yesterday, by the embankment falling upon him. He was taken home.

A slight fire occurred yesterday at No. 512 West Twenty-sixth-street, occupied by TAYLOR & SON as a feed-store. Damage $100; insured for $4,000.

Rev. JAS. FREEMAN CLARK, D. D., of Boston, author of *Truths and Errors of Orthodoxy*, will preach to-day, morning and evening, at the Free Church services in the large hall of Cooper Institute.

Primary School No. 16, in East Thirty-second-street, will be thrown open for inspection on Monday, the 24th, at 11 o'clock A. M. The school will be opened for the reception of pupils on Tuesday at 9 A. M.

The "Widow VAN COTT," whose name is familiar to the public as that of a "local preacher" in the Methodist Episcopal Church, will occupy the pulpit of the Dennis Church, in Hudson-street, near Spring-street, this evening. A large congregation will doubtless be present.

Rev. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, D. D., author of the *Truths and Errors of Orthodoxy*, will preach in the large hall of the Cooper Institute to-day, morning and evening. Dr. CLARKE is one of the most thoughtful preachers of the day.

Brooklyn.

Yesterday morning, about 2 o'clock, the cradle factory of CHARLES FENT, corner of Smith and Marshall streets, Eastern District, took fire, and was almost totally destroyed. The loss on stock and building is estimated at $4,000. No insurance.

About 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning a fire occurred in the Ridgewood Flour Mills, No. 2 Grand-street, Eastern District. The flames were confined to the engine-room, where the fire originated, and the only damage sustained amounted to $300. Insured for $4,000.

THEODORE PEDELL and JACK HOFFMAN, it appears, robbed the corpse of JAMES ROGERS, the truck driver who died suddenly on a Fulton Ferry boat, a day or two ago. They were intrusted with the keeping of the body at the deadhouse, and took advantage of their opportunity. PEDELL confesses his guilt, but HOFFMAN has absconded. The money taken amounted to only $1.

The body of THOMAS LEONARD, a boy 17 years old, who resided in Warren-street, between Nevins and Bowers streets, was found hanging in the cellar of an unoccupied house in Warren-street, near Fourth-avenue, yesterday. The Coroner held an inquest last evening.

Rev. Dr. SHAW, of Rochester, will preach in the Reformed Church, on the Heights, this morning, and in Lafayette-avenue Presbyterian Church in the evening.

MARY A. CONROY, 10 years of age, fell into a cistern at the residence of her parents, No. 43 Dikeman-street, South Brooklyn, yesterday morning, and was drowned.

The new Board of Fire Commissioners met in the Comptroller's office yesterday afternoon and drew for terms. Messrs. MASSEY and McLAUGHLIN drew the eight-year terms, leaving the six-year terms to Messrs. BROWN and CAMPBELL. FREDERICK MASSEY was elected President; HUGH McLAUGHLIN Treasurer and Mr. CASPIAN A. SPARKS Secretary. The Board adjourned until Monday, at 10 o'clock.

The number of arrests made by the Brooklyn Police last week was 386.

ROBERT GILPIN, an incorrigible boy, 17 years old, who has for a long time been beyond parental control, and has spent his time lounging about the City Park, was arrested yesterday by officer BARR and taken before Justice BUCKLEY. His father, JOHN GILPIN, complained of his general bad behavior, and specially of his having stolen a quantity of silver coin from him. He was sent to the Penitentiary for six months.

ROBERT JARDINE, who was arrested on complaint of TERRENCE McGUIGGAN on the charge of altering a contract by erasing the word "No" therefrom, was taken before Justice BUCKLEY yesterday, and held to wait the action of the Grand Jury. JARDINE threatens to institute proceedings against McGUIGGAN for damages of $25,000 for false imprisonment.

Westchester County.

FREDERICK W. SEWARD, son of Ex-Secretary SEWARD, and late Assistant Secretary of State, has purchased a splendid place at Irvington on the Hudson, and proposes to locate there permanently.

WM. GRACE, a laborer, engaged at work upon the Presbyterian Church now being erected at Irvington, was struck by the hoisting bucket upon the head on Tuesday last and thrown to the earth. He was carried to his home at Tarrytown and taken care of. His injuries were thought, at first, to be fatal, but the injured man is happily improving.

JAMES WILSON, Captain of the sloop *Dr. Hosbrook*, on Thursday last sustained severe injuries on board of his vessel. It appears that some more large stones fell from it some flagstones, when one struck another standing up against the side of the vessel and threw it forward sidewise against the bar of the O[illegible]

cutting through the flesh into the bone. Amputation would, it was thought, be necessary. The man was put aboard of his vessel and carried to this City, the place of his residence.

A laborer named JOHN DONOHOE, a resident of Tremont, was found at an early hour yesterday morning lying dead between the Harlem Railroad track and the platform of the depot at Tremont. There were several cuts about his head, and his breast was a perfect jelly. It is supposed that he had fallen asleep during the night on the platform, and had been struck and instantly killed by a passing train. Coroner MATTHEWS, of Morrisania, held an inquest over his body yesterday, when a verdict of "accidental death" was rendered. The jury also took occasion to recommend that a flagman be stationed by the Railroad Company on the corner of Railroad-avenue and Morris-street, not far from the spot of the accident.

Right Rev. HORATIO POTTER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-York, will visit Grace Church, West Farms, on Sunday, June 6, to administer the rite of confirmation.

New-Jersey.

ADOLPH LUCH, a scavenger, yesterday, while cleaning out the vault of house No. 18 Morris-street, found the body of a child tied up in a white sheet. It had evidently been born alive.

The Newark Common Council have passed a resolution requesting the legal voters of Newark to express their preference by ballot on Tuesday, June 1, on the question of permitting horse-cars to run on Sunday.

A kettle of varnish exploded on Friday night in the establishment of Messrs. SNYDER & TISCH, No. 120 Boyden-street, Newark, severely injuring two men and a boy. The varnish was left to cool in a sangway, and some naphtha was poured in to reduce it, when the explosion occurred.

The injunction applied for by Mr. F. H. STEVENS, to prevent the Paterson and Newark Railroad Company from appropriating the water front of the Passaic, without compensation, has been refused by Chancellor ZABRISKIE.

The Newark Common Council have sanctioned the appropriation of $15,000 for the establishment of a fire-alarm telegraph in that city.

On Friday afternoon the graduates of Princeton College held an informal meeting and made preliminary arrangements to form an Alumni Association. A meeting will be held next month, when Dr. MCCOSH, President of the College, is expected to be present.

WILLIAM SCHOENWOLF, who has been on trial during the past week at the Essex County Court of Newark, charged with perpetrating a crime on a young German girl, was found guilty late on Friday night after several hours' deliberation.

The residence of JAMES WILSON, on Oakwood-avenue, Orange, was entered by thieves, on Friday night, but hearing Mr. WILSON moving about they decamped, leaving the booty which had been collected. On the same night a house on Cherry-street, occupied by Mr. BLACKWELL, was also entered and robbed.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union, held at Newark, it was resolved to receive in a body Senator SPRAGUE, on his visit to the city, in June.

A man named LITTLE had his arm amputated, yesterday, at St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark. He had been knocked down by an engine on the Morris and Essex Road, between Milburn and South Orange. His arm was fearfully mangled.

A man known as "Larry," a brakeman in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, was found dead on the track near the depot in Port Jervis on Friday night. He had been run over by the cars.

A carpenter named JOHN MOORE, a resident of Hudson City, was run over yesterday on the Morris and Essex Railroad, near Mount Bethel, and had his right arm mashed so that it had to be amputated. He was conveyed to the St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken.

A bank on the New-Jersey Western Railroad caved in on Friday, in the vicinity of the ponds, while the laborers were at work, injuring one so badly that he had to be conveyed to the New-York Hospital. His limbs were terribly crushed. The other men escaped.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—1 P. M.

Consols closed, 93 for money, and 93⅛ for the account. United States Five-twenties quiet at 70¼. Railway Stocks steady; Erie, 19¾; Illinois Central, 94⅝.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, May 21—1 P. M.

COTTON—The market closed dull at the following quotations:

Middling Uplands.....11¼d.
Middling Orleans.....11¼d.

The sales of the day foot up 7,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—Corn has advanced to 27s. ⅌ cwt. Other articles unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork has advanced to 82s. ⅌ cwt. Other articles quiet and unchanged.

PRODUCE—Petroleum—Spirits declined to 6½d. ⅌ gallon; Refined steady. Turpentine, 27s. 9d.

SATURDAY, May 22—1 P. M.

All articles in the London Produce Market closed without alteration in tones and quotations.

HAVRE, Saturday, May 22.

COTTON—The market opened quiet for both stock on spot and afloat; on spot, quiet.

LONDON, Saturday, May 22—11 A. M.

Consols opened at 93⅛ for money and the account. United States Five-twenties opened firm at 70⅛. Railway stocks opened quiet. Erie Railway shares, 19¾; Illinois Central Railway shares, 94⅝.

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